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ABSTRACT

The syllabus for a general biology course (which may be used for one Group III credit as an elective toward a New York State Regents High School Diploma) contains five major units. These units - Life Functions, Systems of the Human Body, Continuation of Life, The Green Plants, and Classification and Evolution - are designed to "involve the nonscience-oriented student in a wide variety of creative experiences." Behavioral objectives for the course are stated, and, for each unit, the necessary understandings and activities related to the development of these understandings are listed. Appendices contain additional teaching notes for many of the activities and a short list of general reference books. The syllabus is considered to be under field evaluation in this edition. Feedback forms for teacher comments are included at the end of each unit. (AL)

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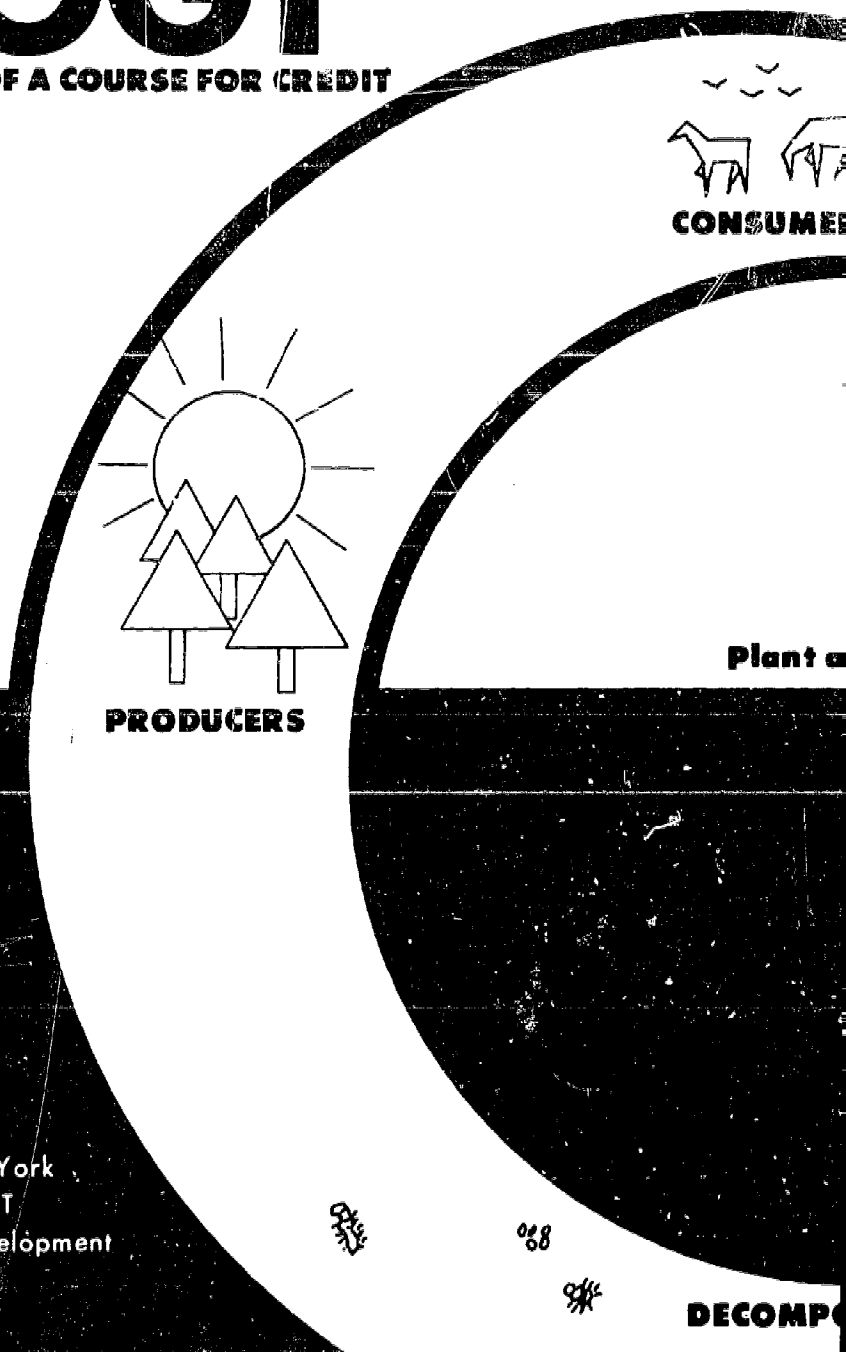

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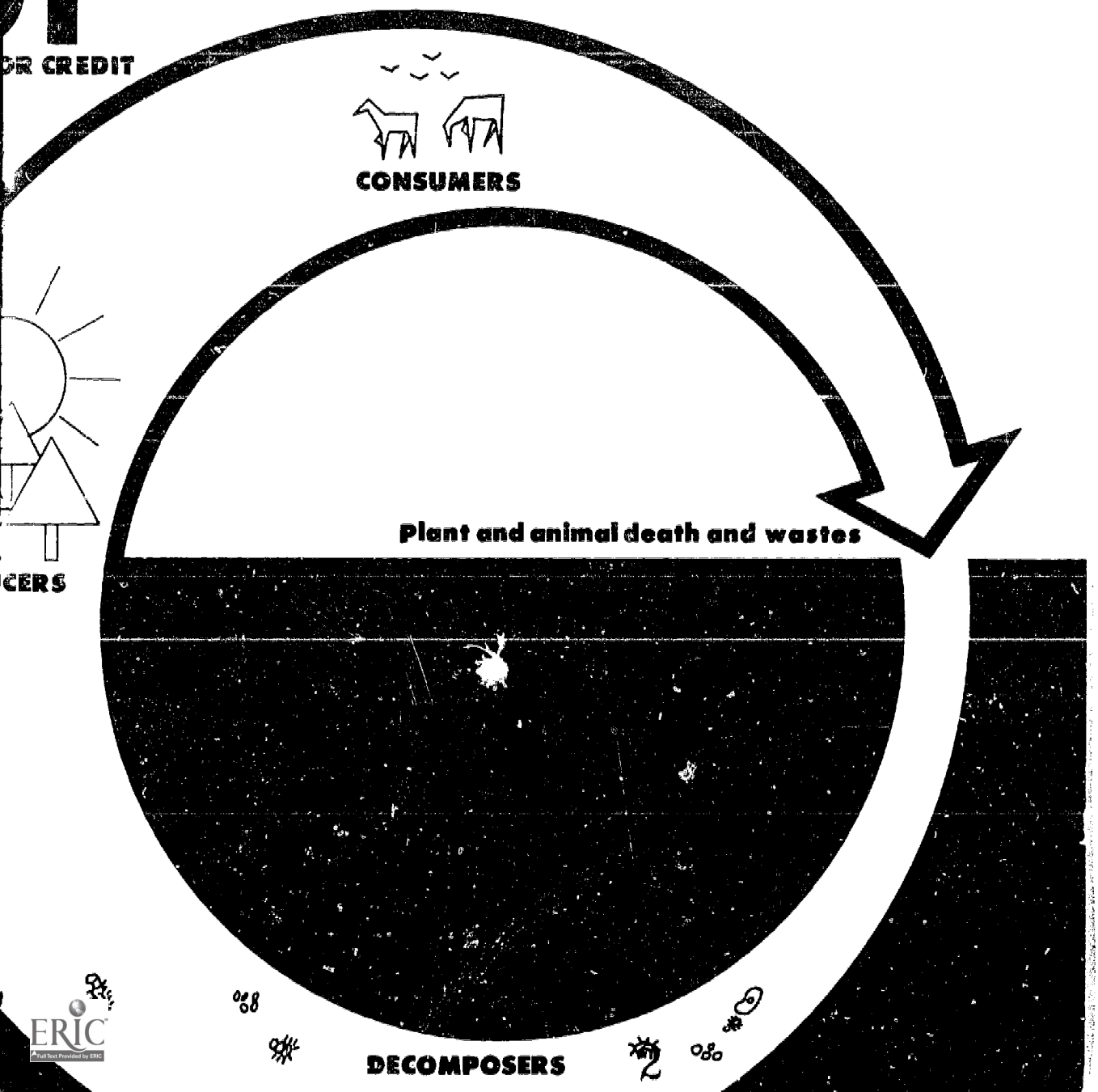

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FOREWORD

This publication is the second step in the development of a new State syllabus for a course in general biology which may be used as a Group 3 elective. As with the syllabuses for general chemistry and general physics, this course is designed for nonscience majors who would benefit from a senior high school science course.

This course in general biology is intended for the average or slightly below average student whose interests and goals may be different from those who take the Regents biology course which is used for credit as part of the 3-unit, Group 2, major sequence or as an elective for the majority of the average and above average students. In addition to the two State biology courses, some schools will still need to develop their own local credit course for low or below average pupils.

Teachers who use this material may substitute or add to the student activities; modify or add to the understandings; and modify or reorder the sequence to suit the needs of their students. AN EVALUATION FORM IS PROVIDED FOR EACH OF THE UNITS WHICH IS TO BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE BUREAU OF SCIENCE EDUCATION WHEN THE UNIT IS COMPLETED.

A special State examination for June 1972 will be prepared by a committee of teachers who are using this new syllabus. The raw score on this examination will be used as a partial determinant of the final mark.

The preliminary outline for the 1969 edition was prepared by a special advisory committee in March 1969. Members of this committee were: Otto Burgdorf, William C. Bryant High School, New York City; Lee Burland, Columbia High School, East Greenbush; Sister Leo Francis, Molloy College, Rockville Centre; Mrs. Maxine Hancock, Duanesburg Central School, Delanson; Ralph Lomio, Benjamin Franklin High School, Rochester; Samuel Mole, East High School, Buffalo; and Clifford Murray, Huntington High School, Huntington.

The 1969 edition was written by Monroe Cravats, assistant professor of biology, New York City Community College, and Ann D. Muehleck, chairman, Science Department, Colonie Central School. William A. Calhoun, associate in science education, reviewed and analyzed the field test data which were used to establish the parameters for the 1971 edition.

Marvin Chanin, teacher of biology and chemistry at Francis Lewis High School, Flushing and Allan Lacey, teacher of biology at Benjamin Franklin High School, Rochester developed the new format which contains an extensive series of student laboratory and classroom activities designed to stimulate and develop the basic concepts of biological inquiry. Mr. Calhoun reviewed the developing syllabus and made valuable suggestions for inclusion.

Robert F. Zimmerman, associate in secondary curriculum, had general charge of the project and prepared the manuscript for publication.

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Message to Teachers

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State diploma credit

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Evaluation

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Supplementary Supplies and Materials

This list includes materials not usually found in a high school laboratory.

Unit 1

Pond water containing algae
Hay infusion
Onions
Elodea (may be obtained from local aquarium and tropical fish dealers)
Bracket fungus or mushrooms showing hyphae
Variety of potted plants (e.g., geranium, coleus, sansevieria)
Supply of stiff paper (e.g., cardboard folders and colored paper)
Unsalted crackers
Lichens (reindeer moss)
Legumes with nodules (e.g., clover-alfalfa)
Nutrient agar
Petri dishes
Antibiotic paper dots
Cakes of live yeast
Fertilizer (decomposed manure)
Insecticides
Heavy petroleum oil

Unit 2

Hard boiled eggs
Large live earthworms
Dissecting equipment
Goldfish in an aquarium
Prepared blood slides
Empty vaccine bottles, with directions for use (from school physician)
Examples of animal joints from slaughter houses (or use whole uncooked chicken)
Sheep brain, preserved

Copper shavings
Concentrated nitric acid
Concentrated ammonia water

Unit 3

Fertilized chicken eggs
Blood grouping kit (with sterile single use lancets)
Frogs, preserved (male and female) (ideally, one for each student)

Unit 4

Tomato or other seedlings in nursery flats
Small flower pots with saucer bases
Radish seeds
Glass plates (3" x 3")
Peat moss
Section of tree trunk
Prepared slides of leaf cross section
Dead honeybees
Wide variety of flowers
Photomicrographs of pollen grains
Cuttings with developed roots (allow 4 weeks of growth). African v
work well.

Unit 5

Examples (alive if possible), of protozoa, arthropods (including Cr
chordates (fish, bird, amphibia, and reptile)
Samples of fossils including local types

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II. Photosynthesis
III. Biochemistry of life
IV. Ecology
V. Water pollution

UNIT 2 - Systems of the Human Body (Suggested time: 60

I. Digestive system
II. Transport system
III. Respiratory system
IV. Locomotive system
V. Nervous system
VI. Excretory system

*With time allotted for quizzes evaluation, reorganization, an examination.

UNIT 3 - Continuation of Life (Suggested time: 45

I. Genetics
II. Sexual reproduction
III. Control of Disease

UNIT 4 - The Green Plants (Suggested time: 20

I. Environmental needs of plants
II. Sexual reproduction
III. Asexual reproduction
IV. Plant products

UNIT 5 - Classification and Evolution (Suggested time: 20

I. Classification
II. Evolution

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*With time allotted for quizzes, semester evaluation, reorganization, and State examination.

EXPANDED TOPIC OUTLINE

UNIT 1 - Introduction - Life Functions

I. Characteristics of living things

1. Animal cell characteristics
2. Plant cell characteristics

II. Photosynthesis

III. Biochemistry of life

1. Respiration
2. Diffusion
3. Synthesis

IV. Ecology

1. Food webs
2. Symbiotic relationships
3. Cycles
4. Action of decomposers
5. Bacteria
6. Fermentation

V. Water pollution

1. Sewage treatment
2. Manmade water pollutants
3. Recycling

UNIT 2 - System

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UNIT 2 - Systems of the Human Body

I. Digestive system

1. Food types
2. Digestive process
3. Protein synthesis
4. Absorption

II. Transport system

1. Heart function
2. Heart disease
3. Parts of the blood
4. Immunization

III. Respiratory system

1. Oxygen absorption
2. Air pollution

IV. Locomotive system

1. Energy requirement
2. Muscle fatigue
3. Nature of bones, muscles, and joints

V. Nervous system

1. Parts of the nervous system
2. Stimuli and sense organs

VI. Excretory system

1. Liver functions
2. Nitrogen excretion
3. Kidney - active transport
4. Skin as an excretory organ

UNIT 3 - Continuation of Life

I. Genetics

1. Sperm and egg
2. Mitosis
3. Meiosis
4. Fertilization
5. Dominant and recessive traits
6. Blended inheritance
7. Sex determination
8. Sex-linked traits
9. Multiple alleles
10. DNA - a coded molecule

II. Sexual reproduction

1. Fertilization
2. Courtship behavior
3. Parental care
4. Hormone control of reproductive cycles
5. Reproductive function - male
6. Menstrual cycle

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7. Embryonic development
8. Twinning
9. Gestation period
10. Birth

III. Control of disease

1. Symptoms
2. Dangers
3. Treatment

UNIT 4 - The Green Plants

I. Environmental needs of plants

1. Roots and water absorption
2. Cambium and growth
3. Leaf functions

II. Sexual reproduction

1. Flower parts
2. Pollination and fertilization

III. Asexual reproduction

1. Cuttings, runners, bulbs
2. Genetic implications

IV. Plant products

UNIT 5 - Classification and Evolution

I. Classification

1. Need of a universal system
2. Nature of phyla

II. Evolution

1. Modern evolution

a. Mutation
b. Natural selection
c. Random vs. nonrandom mating
d. Effects of isolation

2. Evidences of evolution

a. Fossils
b. Vestigial organs
c. Comparing embryos and skeletons

3. The evolution of man

At the completion of this course in general biology, a student should

1. construct statements based upon his personal observation th of properties of an object.
2. write statements of his observations in quantitative terms.
3. distinguish between observations and inferences.
4. identify observations that support an inference.
5. construct one or more inferences from a set of observations
6. describe in writing, a sequence of events constituting an i method, materials, procedure, and results.
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GENERAL BIOLOGY

UNIT 1

PROCESSES OF LIFE

UNDERSTANDINGS

INTRODUCTION:

1. Biology is the study of life. Living organisms have the following characteristics in common:	1.0 Illu e.g. and
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• breathing: taking in air	
• moving: to get food and escape enemies	
• excretion: getting rid of wastes	1.2 Obse alga alga
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• synthesis: manufacturing substances	1.4 Obse Draw thei
• growth: increase in size and perhaps number of cells	
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1.0 Illustrate with a variety of living things, e.g., plants, photos of microorganisms, insects, and other available forms.

1.1 Using the organisms from 1.0, ask the students to chart the life activities that they have in common. The chart could have a list of organisms along one edge and a list of activities along the top. Which activities occur in all of the organisms?

1.2 Observe pond water containing a variety of algae and unicellular organisms (point out algae as a producer).

1.3 Demonstrate proper microscope technique.

1.4 Observe a hay infusion under a microscope. Draw paramecia or other protozoa. (Emphasize their ability to obtain food.)

1.5 Observe reproducing cells of yeast or molds.

UNDERSTANDINGS

2.	Most animal cells, including the cells of man, have an outer boundary or cell membrane, a nucleus, and the watery cell fluid.	2.0 Obse obje stai
3.	Plant cells have a stiff outer layer (limiting their movement) called the cell wall, a cell membrane, a nucleus, and many have chloroplasts in their cell fluid.	3.0 Obse chlo
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4.	The sun is the primary source of energy for living things.	4.0 Show plan
5.	Photosynthesis is the process of changing carbon dioxide and water into energy-storing compounds, (e.g., sugar) using light, chlorophyl, and enzymes.	5.0 Plac dark
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ls, including the cells of ter boundary or cell membrane, he watery cell fluid.	2.0 Observe cheek cells, under the high power objective of the microscope. Use iodine to stain the nucleus.
a stiff outer layer (limit-ent) called the cell wall, a a nucleus, and many have their cell fluid.	3.0 Observe onion and elodea cells (point out chloroplasts) under the microscope.
	3.1 Students should list similarities and differences between typical plant and animal cells.
	3.2 Elicit from students how green plant cells might meet food requirements.
	3.3 (Optional) Ask how nongreen plants (fungi) obtain food.
primary source of energy for	4.0 Show examples of phototropisms using green plants in the classroom.
s the process of changing nd water into energy-ls, (e.g., sugar) using l, and enzymes.	5.0 Place a small sample of pond water algae in a dark place to show chlorophyl breakdown.
	5.1 Grow bean seeds in darkness to the sprouting stage. Then move them into light. (Note chlorophyl production.)

UNDERSTANDINGS

A simplified formula for photosynthesis is:

$$6CO_2 + 6H_2O \xrightarrow[\text{chlorophyl}]{\text{light}} C_6H_{12}O_6 + 6O_2$$

6. The green plant produces sugar from CO_2 and H_2O. Sugar is energy in stored form.

7. Oxygen gas is a surplus product of photosynthesis. Most organisms, especially animals, depend on this oxygen for respiration.

8. All food stuffs are sources of energy and can be traced back to green plants which get their energy from the sun.

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5.2 Demonstrate the building of a glucose molecule. (See appendix for details.)

Note: This procedure may be adapted to show protein synthesis.

6.0 Compare seltzer (club soda) and sugar. Burn a sugar cube after dipping it in cigarette ashes while holding it with forceps. Place an asbestos plate underneath. Tilt the Bunsen burner when igniting the sugar; try to burn seltzer.

7.0 Build a self-sustained ecosystem using a snail and algae in a closed test tube, placed near a light source.

8.0 Have students bring in samples of foods from plants. Use food tests to show they contain sugars and starches.

8.1 Burn food from 8.0 such as peanuts or bread. Discuss differences between combustion and respiration.

8.2 Compare breathing rates - sitting, and after running in place for 2 minutes.

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9. When sugar is broken down and combined with oxygen, energy is released, leaving behind low energy molecules of CO_2 and H_2O.	9.0 Have students make ou cules by using the cu molecular shape. Sho apart upon addition o for details.)
	9.1 Fill test tubes with Water covered with a Invert the tubes in a a color indicator (Be show that sugar molec
10. The movement of molecules from a place of high concentration to a place of low concentration is called diffusion.	10.0 Have students draw a outline of a cell (ce several glucose cutou sugar leaves the cell the membrane. (See a
	Have students suggest glucose molecules may "cell."
11. Molecules are retained in the cell if they are too big to fit through the membrane openings. The linking of sugar molecules into a long chain of starch is an example of synthesis for storage.	

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9.0 Have students make outlines of glucose molecules by using the cutout models of the molecular shape. Show that the molecule falls apart upon addition of oxygen. (See appendix A for details.)

9.1 Fill test tubes with solution of sugar and water covered with a semipermeable membrane. Invert the tubes in a water bath containing a color indicator (Benedict's solution) to show that sugar molecules leave the tube.

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10.0 Have students draw a page sized "porous" outline of a cell (cell membrane). Draw several glucose cutouts to illustrate how sugar leaves the cell through "holes" in the membrane. (See appendix and 9.0.)

Have students suggest a way in which the glucose molecules may be retained by the "cell."

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UNDERSTANDINGS

12. Large complex molecules must be digested for transport or for use within the cell.

13. Food webs begin with producers (green plants) which are eaten by consumers (such as animals).

14. Consumers are of three types, those which eat plants (herbivores), those which eat animals (carnivores), and those which eat both (omnivores).

15. Certain close relationships may exist between organisms.

Parasitism: one organism benefits (the parasite) while the other (the host) is harmed.

Mutualism: both organisms benefit from this relationship.

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ules must be digested or use within the cell.	12.0 Have each student chew an unsalted cracker until it tastes sweet. (Shows action of salivary enzyme.)
	12.1 Use iodine and Benedict's solution to determine the starch and sugar content of chewed and unchewed soda crackers. Make a chart of the results.
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ionships may exist be-	15.0 Student reports on other organisms which have benefited from human society, such as rats, cockroaches, squirrels, deer, sparrows, mice. . .
ganism benefits (the te) while the other ost) is harmed.	15.1 Have students give examples of parasites such as mosquitoes, viruses, worms.
ganisms benefit from lationship.	15.2 Demonstrate lichens and nitrogen fixing bacteria by use of a stereomagnifier and a microscope.

UNDERSTANDINGS

16.	Cycles exist in nature which permit certain elements to be used and reused (e.g., the nitrogen, carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen cycles).	16.0 Diag was nitr Note
17.	Energy is lost in each step from producer to consumer.	17.0 Elic of e.g.
		17.1 Pupi pond food

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16.0 Diagram of sun - plants - animals - death - waste products - to show cycling of CO_2, O_2, nitrogen, and water. (See appendix for details.)

Note: You might also have interested students make a bulletin board or charts, using pictures.

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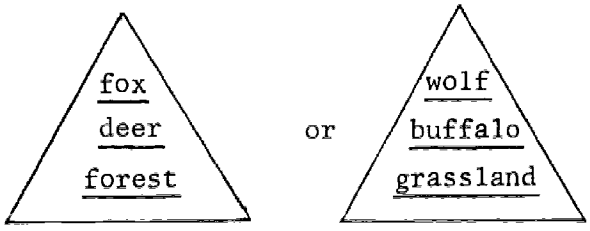
17.0 Elicit from students relationships of biomass of producers and consumers in typical biomes, e.g.,



17.1 Pupil reports on a field trip to a forest, pond, meadow, or seashore to elaborate on food pyramids.

UNDERSTANDINGS

18.	Organisms such as bacteria and molds complete molecular cycles by returning important elements to green plants by way of the soil and water. We call these vital organisms decomposers. They are responsible for the formation of humus, or rich topsoil, which holds water, and gradually releases minerals needed for the growth of green plants.	18.0 Demonstra as compar 18.1 Pass arou Allow it and the c 2 days. 18.2 Optional: build a c and place 18.3 Have stud it to san
19.	Decomposers living under crowded conditions must compete for water, food, and space. They produce poisons (toxins) which limit the encroachment on their living space by other organisms.	19.0 Grow bact Possible dust, fin and bread Note: Re co to 19.1 Grow bact- Point out closed an Note: Us bi

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18.0 Demonstrate water holding capacity of humus as compared to sand.

18.1 Pass around small amounts of fresh hamburger. Allow it to set exposed. Observe mold growth, and the change in odor of the hamburger after 2 days.

18.2 Optional: Using table scraps have students build a compost pile in an open plastic bag and place outdoors.

18.3 Have students smell and handle humus. Compare it to sand or dirt.

19.0 Grow bacteria and mold on nutrient agar. Possible sources: pond water, humus, air, dust, fingernail scrapings, decaying food, and bread mold.

Note: Record growth patterns, and signs of competition. Keep plates long enough to show aging and death.

19.1 Grow bacteria and mold on the same agar plate. Point out rings of inhibition. Keep plates closed and dispose of them carefully.

Note: Use paper dots saturated with antibiotics and use for a bioassay.

UNDERSTANDINGS

20. Most bacteria require oxygen, food, and water.

21. When large numbers of bacteria are placed in water the small amount of oxygen that is normally available is drastically reduced.

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22. Some types of bacteria and molds do not require oxygen to release energy from food.

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23. Fermentation, which does not use oxygen, releases less energy than oxygen respiration, because the food molecules are not completely broken down. Poisonous fragments such as alcohol and lactic acid are produced.

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24. When streams, rivers, or lakes are robbed of oxygen, fermentation takes place. The poisons produced are serious pollutants.

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ers of bacteria are placed all amount of oxygen that ilable is drastically re-	21.0 Slowly heat a clear mixture of water and ice cubes. Note the bubbles of oxygen forming on th.. side. (This also might be related to an open container of carbonated water.)
	21.1 Briefly discuss thermal pollution.
	21.2 Plan a field trip to a sewage disposal plant.
acteria and molds do not to release energy from	22.0 Give each lab group a small amount of apple cider (no preservative added) and add living yeast. Cork loosely. Observe signs of fermentation for several days.
which does not use oxygen, nergy than oxygen respir- the food molecules are not ken down. Poisonous frag- lcohol and lactic acid are	23.0 Have students suggest what happens to the glucose molecule during fermentation. Point out how alcohol and lactic acid are produced.
ivers, or lakes are robbed mentation takes place. The d are serious pollutants.	24.0 Have students photograph polluted water. Bring in samples of polluted water.
	24.1 Show movies, filmstrips, and slides of the effects of water pollution.

UNDERSTANDINGS

25. Water pollution can be diminished by proper treatment of sewage and by use of biodegradable detergents.	25.0 Discu plant 25.1 Bring manur
26. Other manmade wastes such as oil, phosphates, nitrates, DDT, and runoff from farmlands are increasing water pollution.	26.0 Pass the p deter phosp homes Note: 26.1 Show 26.2 Show 26.3 Discu would
27. Some manmade solid wastes cannot be recycled by decomposers.	27.0 Have bottl illus

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be diminished by sewage and by use tergents.	25.0 Discuss the operation of a modern sewage plant.
	25.1 Bring in samples of completely decomposed manure. (Use for fertilizer)
es such as oil, s, DDT, and runoff increasing water	26.0 Pass out lists from supermarkets detailing the phosphate contents of common household detergents. Have students report on the phosphate content of detergents used in their homes.
	Note: Dishwasher detergents containing phosphates are extremely alkaline.
	26.1 Show samples of crude oil or fuel oil.
	26.2 Show pictures of oil-soaked water fowl.
	26.3 Discuss effects of DDT on foodwebs. (How would you throw away a container of DDT?)
l wastes cannot be sers.	27.0 Have students bring in samples of old plastic bottles, cans, and glass bottles to illustrate their resistance to biodegradation.

UNDERSTANDINGS

28. Most solid waste can be recycled or at least decreased in volume.

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28.0 Crush a tin can after removing top, bottom, and label. Compare decreased volume to whole can. Emphasize importance of decreasing waste volume.

28.1 If recycling centers do not exist in your area have students try to start one. Discuss the dubious value of compactors for garbage. Have students press for pickup of newspapers and periodicals, and the purchase of returnable bottles.

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Evaluation for Unit 1

Which activities did the students find most valuable? Which were least valuable?

Which understandings did you find interesting to teach? Which understandings did you consider the least significant?

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General Science 7, 8, or 9 [check]

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General Biology _____

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UNIT 2

SYSTEMS OF THE HUMAN BODY

UNDERSTANDINGS

29. Man uses a variety of food types, such as: 29.0

- carbohydrates (sugars and starches) which are sources of energy 29.1
- fats which are sources of concentrated energy
- proteins which provide building material
- vitamins which are necessary for enzyme activity
- minerals which are inorganic substances necessary to maintain life
- water which is the primary solvent in the body

30. Complex foods cannot be used until they are digested. 30.0

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29.0 Have students bring in food samples and test them for the presence of proteins, starches, sugars, and fats.

29.1 Place samples of fatty and starchy foods in water to show their lack of solubility.

30.0 Have students attempt to digest egg protein.

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31. Proteins are essential for cell and tissue growth and repair.

32. Most of man's body (including muscle, tendons, cartilage, skin, enzymes, and hair) is made of proteins which are synthesized from previously digested protein.

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Note:

33. Man's digestive system contains a series of specialized organs which form a tube. Its function is to simplify food into small diffusable molecules.

ACTIVITIES

Each laboratory group should have four test tubes 1/4 full of water.

1st tube - water
2d - water + dil. HCl
3d - water + pepsin
4th - water + pepsin + HCl

Drop a very thin slice of hard-boiled egg white into each tube.

Discuss the specificity of enzymes and their relationships to temperature and pH.

32.0 Dissect an earthworm and compare its digestive tube with the digestive system of man.

Note: Review synthesis and hydrolysis. The use of paper models is recommended.

UNDERSTANDINGS

34. The rate at which digested molecules diffuse into the bloodstream is dependent upon the surface area of the small intestine and the chemical concentration level of the blood.

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35. As the digested food materials diffuse out of the small intestine, the blood transport system distributes the nutrients along with other vital materials to all parts of the body.

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36. The heart contractions pump blood through many miles of vessels, adjusting the rate and pressure to body requirements.

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gested molecules dif- stream is dependent n of the small intes- l concentration level	34.0 Show how a surface area of limited dimension may be increased by folding a piece of paper several times into an accordion-like shape. (Relate surface area to villi.) Note: This may also be applied to the lung surface (alveoli) and the outer surface of the cerebrum.
l materials diffuse out ine, the blood trans- ites the nutrients along terials to all parts of	35.0 Have students discuss how nutrients get into the cell, and how they may be used.
ons pump blood through is, adjusting the rate requirements.	36.0 Demonstrate goldfish tail or frog's web under the microprojector to show circulation. 36.1 Have students find their pulse in the wrist. Explain that the pulse is the movement of blood in an artery. 36.2 Test pulse rate under various activity levels — while seated, when standing, after running in place. (Recall the activity on breathing rates.)

UNDERSTANDINGS	
37. The heart beat rate is variable and increases in order to supply the working muscles with the sugar and oxygen that they need.	37.0 Have stud due to co the valve 37.1 Have a st it. Disc Relate th respirati substance
38. Unlike other muscles in the body, the heart is in continual use, relaxing only between beats. The addition of stresses such as being overweight, having poor muscle tone, emotional stress, smoking, and air pollution may lead to premature heart failure.	38.0 Discuss h
39. Special nerve pathways enable the heart muscle to contract or relax at a rhythmic, coordinated pace. Blood clots in coronary arteries may interfere with nerve transmission, and can lead to sudden death.	

ACTIVITIES

37.0 Have students discuss circulatory malfunctions due to constricted arteries or malfunction of the valves in the veins.

37.1 Have a student squeeze a rubber ball and hold it. Discuss the resulting muscle fatigue. Relate this to oxygen deprivation, anaerobic respiration, and the production of poisonous substances.

38.0 Discuss heart disease.

UNDERSTANDINGS

40. Blood tissue is composed of diverse materials such as:

- fluid solution – which transports dissolved materials and blood cells, and helps control body temperature.
- red blood cells – which carry oxygen.
- white blood cells – which aid in controlling disease by ingesting bacteria or by synthesizing protective enzymes.
- platelets – which initiate blood clot formation.

41. The blood produces special proteins, called antibodies, which protect us against foreign proteins.

42. Highly toxic proteins are produced by some parasitic viruses and bacteria.

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s composed of diverse as:	40.0 Observe blood slides and note cell types.
lution – which transports d materials and blood cells, s control body temperature.	40.1 Construct red blood cell models (half dollar size) using red nonsetting clay. Use string and a cm. ruler to compute surface area. Compare the area to that of ball, disc, and donut shapes made with the same amount of clay.
d cells – which carry	40.2 Optional: Discuss leukemia.
ood cells – which aid in ing disease by ingesting or by synthesizing ve enzymes.	
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uces special proteins, ies, which protect us n proteins.	41.0 Relate back to the competition of soil organisms.
roteins are produced by viruses and bacteria.	42.0 Discuss Clostridium botulinum. 42.1 Discuss student experiences with typical childhood diseases.

UNDERSTANDINGS	ACTI
43. Innoculations help to protect us against invading organisms. • Active immunity: innoculation of weakened germ, dead germ, or a weakened toxin activates the production of protective antibodies. Active immunization has a long lasting effect. • Passive immunity: innoculation of antibodies from another organism's blood to fight foreign proteins. Passive immunization usually has an immediate but short term effect.	43.0 Discuss students and their effect
44. Vaccines immunize by initiating antibody production. They are specific and usually require time to produce immunity.	44.0 Discuss tetanus a recommended when sustained.
RESPIRATORY SYSTEM	
45. The respiratory system provides the human blood tissue with oxygen.	45.0 Recall (or repeat

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y initiating antibody re specific and e to produce immunity.	44.0 Discuss tetanus antitoxin, and why it is recommended when deep wounds have been sustained.
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46. Oxygen in the air sacs of our lungs passes through the thin, moist membranes into the blood.

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47. Foreign material (from smoking and air pollution) tends to inhibit the diffusion of oxygen into the blood.

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	45.1 Have students examine the gill passages of a goldfish. Wrap the goldfish gills with a moist towel. Ask students why the towel is necessary. Ask how our respiratory tract is protected from drying.
ir sacs of our lungs passes in, moist membranes into the	46.0 Blow up a dry brown paper bag. Thoroughly moisten the bag and try to blow it up again. Are the results the same?
	46.1 Examine living earthworms and/or frogs. Have students note their moist thin skin.
l (from smoking and air s to inhibit the diffusion the blood.	47.0 Burn a cigarette in a test tube, collecting the smoke in another test tube containing moist cotton. (See appendix for details.) Have students note the accumulation of tars on the walls of the test tube. What might tar deposits do to the air sacs of human lungs?
	47.1 Discuss the effects of air pollution and smoking on the lungs.
	47.2 Have a student draw a chart of a normal alveolus and one damaged by smoking or air pollution.

UNDERSTANDINGS

48.	Air pollutants may be in the form of: • gases – carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxide. • airborn particles – smoke, soot, dust, unburned fuels. When air pollutants are mixed with water, affected by sunlight, and under temperature inversion, they form a smog which may hang in the air for several days.	48.0	Disc loca
49.	Control of car exhaust and smokestack emission is essential if air pollution is to be minimized.	49.0	Prop two rese repr abat

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50.	Muscle cells release stored energy when they do work. Oxygen and nutrients (sugar) must diffuse into these cells from the blood to replenish their energy supply.	50.0	Dist stud leav

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e in the form of: honoxide, sulfur gen oxide. es – smoke, soot, fuels. are mixed with water, and under tempera- form a smog which for several days.	48.0 Discuss smog with particular emphasis on local problems.
t and smokestack emis- air pollution is to be	49.0 Propose a debate on pollution problems between two groups of students. The first group representing car manufacturers, the second representing citizens interested in pollution abatement.
stored energy when and nutrients into these cells lenish their	50.0 Distribute diagrams of muscle cells and have students indicate the materials entering and leaving the cell during respiration.

UNDERSTANDINGS

51. Muscle cells will continue to operate even if they do not receive sufficient oxygen. Under these conditions they produce lactic acid which causes fatigue.

52. Human movement depends upon the close interaction of bones, muscles, tendons, and properly articulated joints.

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52.0 Obtain and show examples of animal joints. Students can examine an articulated skeleton or a skeletal diagram and attempt to locate hinge, ball and socket, gliding, and fused joints.

52.1 Students might construct an articulated skeleton model from "bones" cut from a dittoed sheet.

52.2 Have students construct a model of a hinge joint with its muscle attachments. (See appendix for details.)

52.3 Have students wiggle their fingers when their arm is outstretched. Where are the muscles involved located? Can tendon movement be detected?

52.4 Have students place their hand on the desk with their middle finger folded under the palm. Which fingers lift easily? Which with difficulty? Which finger cannot be raised at all?

UNDERSTANDINGS	AC
NERVOUS SYSTEM	
53. The various systems of the body must be coordinated. This coordination is accomplished by the nervous and endocrine systems.	53.0 Give students a showing: stimu effectors. (See
54. The parts of the central nervous system responsible for regulation are:	54.0 Show students m brain convoluti creased surface
• Spinal cord: lower reflexes and impulse transmission	54.1 Students workin eye pupil const covers his eyes other student m
• Brain	Note: Do not u
- Cerebrum: center of thinking, memory, emotions, sense organ interpretation, and voluntary activity	54.2 Discuss cerebra of resulting pa
- Cerebellum: coordination of muscles, center of balance	54.3 Discuss the tem drugs on the br
- Medulla: center of respiration, heart beat, and other non-voluntary activity	

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53.0 Give students a rexographed or dittoed chart showing: stimuli, senses, parts of brain, effectors. (See appendix for suggested chart.)

54.0 Show students models of the brain. Point out brain convolutions and relate them to an increased surface area.

54.1 Students working in pairs can observe the eye pupil constriction reflex. One student covers his eyes, then opens them as the other student makes observations.

Note: Do not use a very bright light source.

54.2 Discuss cerebral hemorrhage and the possibility of resulting paralysis.

54.3 Discuss the temporary and permanent effects of drugs on the brain - e.g., alcohol and LSD.

UNDERSTANDINGS	
55. A stimulus is a specific change in the environment to which our nervous system reacts.	
56. Our sense organs receive stimuli such as light, sound, heat, cold, pain, odor, and taste, as well as muscle position and concentration of CO_2 in the blood.	56.0 Have stude specific s 56.1 Have stude sition of
57. The nervous system reacts to stimuli by directing the action of muscles and glands.	
EXCRETORY SYSTEM	
58. The cells which form body systems produce wastes which must be eliminated in order to maintain life.	58.0 Ask studer not proper or farm. 58.1 Ask studen eliminated
59. Liver functions include the storage of sugar in the form of animal starch, the breaking down of many poisons in the blood (including alcohol), and the production of urea resulting from protein metabolism.	59.0 Show liver torso mode 59.1 Fresh chic for the p

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fic change in the our nervous system	
ive stimuli such as old, pain, odor, muscle position CO_2 in the blood.	56.0 Have students suggest ways that stimuli affect specific sense organs. 56.1 Have students explain how they know the position of their limbs without looking at them.
acts to stimuli by of muscles and	
body systems produce eliminated in order	58.0 Ask students what would happen if wastes were not properly disposed of in a home, factory, or farm. 58.1 Ask students to list the wastes that must be eliminated from the body.
ude the storage of animal starch, the poisons in the hol), and the pro- ting from protein	59.0 Show liver size and location by dissecting a torso model of man. 59.1 Fresh chicken or beef liver can be tested for the presence of glycogen.

UNDERSTANDINGS

	Note: Mus... ene...
	59.2 Discuss th... habitual u...
60. Nitrogen is an essential part of the protein molecule.	60.0 Point out ... an amino a...
61. Excess nitrogen compounds must be eliminated in order to maintain life. They must be excreted in a form that is not highly toxic, such as urea.	61.0 Place a sm... concentrat... students c... wafting it... directly.
	61.1 Have stude... Note that ...
	61.2 Have stude... H_2O and CO...
62. The blood transport system carries metabolic wastes (excess H_2O, CO_2, excess salts, and urea) to filtration and diffusion areas where they are excreted.	62.0 List the p... much water... taking exc...
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Note: Muscles also store glycogen for local energy release.

59.2 Discuss the relationship of liver damage to habitual use of alcohol.

60.0 Point out the nitrogen atom in a drawing of an amino acid.

61.0 Place a small piece of copper into a little concentrated HNO_3 in a test tube, and have students carefully smell the gas (NO_2) by wafting it towards them and not smelling it directly.

61.1 Have students carefully smell ammonia water. Note that it is a poisonous nitrogen compound.

61.2 Have students compare toxicity of NO_2 with H_2O and CO_2.

62.0 List the possible outcomes of drinking too much water, eating too much salt, or undertaking excessive exercise.

62.1 Does scientific or medical evidence indicate why people doing strenuous work during hot weather might take salt tablets?

UNDERSTANDINGS

63.	The kidneys remove urea and excess water from the blood, and reclaim most of the sugar and other vital substances which are returned to the blood.	63.0 Have studen resenting in the kidn
64.	To reclaim sugar it is necessary to oppose the flow of normal diffusion. Energy must be used to "pump" the sugar back into the blood. This is called active transport.	64.0 Discuss why 64.1 Discuss the water in th
65.	The skin and the lungs are sites of excretion for excess water, CO_2, and some salts.	65.0 Point out t in the cool

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rea and excess water reclaim most of the l substances which blood.	63.0	Have students make a simplified diagram representing diffusion and active transport in the kidney.
is necessary to ormal diffusion. to "pump" the blood. This is ort.	64.0	Discuss why a diabetic has sugar in his urine.
	64.1	Discuss the necessity for active transport of water in the protozoa.
gs are sites of water, CO_2, and	65.0	Point out the primary function of perspiration in the cooling of the body.

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School Address _____

Evaluation for Unit 2

Which activities did the students find most valuable? Which were least valuable?

Which understandings did you find interesting to teach? Which understandings did you consider the least significant?

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GENERAL BIOLOGY

UNIT 3

CONTINUATION OF LIFE

UNDERSTANDINGS

Genetics

66.	We inherit specific traits from our parents.	66.0 Elicit hair c attach
67.	Inherited traits are not transmitted by the blood, but through the genetic material contained in sperm and egg.	67.0 Ask st
68.	The sperm cell from the father is very small and primarily contains nuclear material. The egg from the mother is much larger and contains nutrient material for embryonic growth, although the nucleus is also very small.	68.0 Observ cells.
		68.1 Show c cells.
69.	Genetic material in the form of chromosomes can be seen in dividing cells.	69.0 Use th of oni ments.
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its from our	66.0	Elicit from students examples of traits, e.g., hair color, skin color, eye color, ear-lobe attachment, tongue rolling ability.
t transmitted by the genetic material egg.	67.0	Ask students how they inherit traits.
father is very tains nuclear the mother is s nutrient material lthough the nucleus	68.0	Observe prepared slides of frog egg and sperm cells.
	68.1	Show charts and photographs of sperm and egg cells.
form of chromosomes cells.	69.0	Use the microprojector to show prepared slides of onion tips. Point out chromosome arrangements.
	69.1	Set up demonstration microscopes with prepared slides of onion tips.

UNDERSTANDINGS

70.	Cells divide by a process called mitosis.	70.0 Use paper cu appendix.)
71.	In higher forms of life one set of chromosomes comes from the male, and one set comes from the female.	71.0 Show chart o human chromo out that we Compare huma chromosomes.
72.	The chromosome number does not double with each new generation, because it is reduced by one-half during meiosis.	72.0 Use paper cu ners should to show poss (Emphasize n chromosomes for details.
		Note: Poin tain
73.	When the nuclei of two sex cells (egg and sperm) unite during fertilization the normal species number of chromosomes is restored.	
74.	Some traits are visible if present and are called dominant. (Usually designated by a capital letter.)	74.0 Point out Me (P_1, F_1, and

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ocess called mitosis.	70.0 Use paper cutouts to show mitosis. (See appendix.)
fe one set of chromo- male, and one set comes	71.0 Show chart or photomicrographs of the 46 human chromosomes arranged in pairs. Point out that we inherited 23 from each parent. Compare human chromosomes with fruit fly chromosomes.
does not double with because it is reduced eiosis.	72.0 Use paper cutouts of chromosomes. Lab partners should have four chromosomes to show possible assortments after meiosis. (Emphasize necessity for half the number of chromosomes in sex cells.) (See appendix for details.) Note: Point out the necessity for maintaining chromosome number.
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le if present and (Usually designated	74.0 Point out Mendelian inheritance in pea plants. (P_1, F_1, and F_2 generation)

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75.	Other traits, hidden by the dominant trait in a hybrid, are called recessive. They appear only when in the pure state. (Usually designated by two identical lower case letters.)	75.0 Have st are ton numbers is a do
		75.1 Illustr coins.
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76.	Discrete portions of the chromosome which control traits are called genes.	76.0 Place l paper c
		76.1 Charts as pea should
77.	Not all characteristics show dominance. Instead, traits may be blended, e.g., blended color in 4 o'clock flowers, short-horned cattle, and Andalusian fowl.	77.0 Use cha Have st genetic e.g., e
78.	Sex in humans is determined by specific sex chromosomes. Males have XY chromosomes, females have XX chromosomes. The Y chromosome is smaller and does not have all the genes found on the X chromosome.	78.0 Have st sex, an occurs.
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by the dominant trait led recessive. They the pure state. by two identical	75.0 Have students determine whether or not they are tongue rollers. On the basis of class numbers try to decide whether tongue rolling is a dominant or recessive trait.
	75.1 Illustrate the laws of probability by tossing coins.
	75.2 Use Punnett squares to show possible crosses for tongue rolling trait
the chromosome which called genes.	76.0 Place letters, representing genes, on the paper chromosomes used in activity 5.0.
	76.1 Charts showing traits in other species, such as pea plants, fruit fly, and guinea pigs, should be used to reinforce learning.
ics show dominance. e blended, e.g., blended lowers, short-horned an fowl.	77.0 Use charts to illustrate blended inheritance. Have students suggest blending in human genetics reminding them of its complexity, e.g., eye color and height.
ermined by specific les have XY chromo- XX chromosomes. The ler and does not have on the X chromosome.	78.0 Have students explain which parent determines sex, and at what instant that determination occurs.
	78.1 Show photomicrographs comparing X and Y chromosomes in humans and fruit flies.

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79. In females, if a defective gene is recessive and located on the X chromosome, the other X chromosome may mask the defective gene. However, the male with a defective gene on the X chromosome may not have it masked in this way. Sex-linked disabilities, e.g., hemophilia and color blindness, are influenced by the differences in X and Y chromosomes, and are more common in males.	79.0 Use test chart trate how we 79.1 Study Queen Vi 79.2 Propose the ma showing sex-li students deve possible resu show affected 79.3 Have students sex-linked cha three generati
80. Some traits are controlled by more than one gene. Multiple genes account for A, B, O, and AB blood groups.	80.0 Have students Note: Parenta consent steril 80.1 Have students 80.2 Work out blood Punnett square blood have gr with group A children.

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79.0 Use test charts for color blindness to illustrate how we determine this abnormality.

79.1 Study Queen Victoria's pedigree.

79.2 Propose the marriages of various couples showing sex-linked characteristics. Have students develop Punnett squares showing possible results. (Suggestion: use X^a to show affected chromosome.)

79.3 Have students develop pedigree charts for sex-linked characteristics showing two or three generations.

80.0 Have students determine their blood group.

Note: Parental consent and school board consent should be obtained, and sterile technique must be used.

80.1 Have students discuss multiple gene traits.

80.2 Work out blood group relationships using Punnett squares, e.g., parents with group O blood have grcup O children; parents with group A blood may have group A or O children.

UNDERSTANDINGS

81. The chromosomes and genes are theoretically composed of a coded molecule called DNA. This molecule has the ability to replicate itself and the ability to code RNA which controls protein synthesis.

82. The DNA code is based upon four code units arranged in sets of two.

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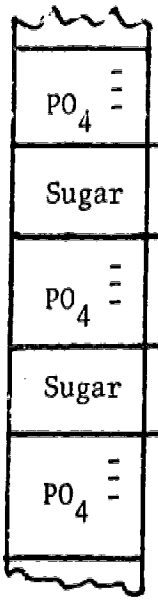

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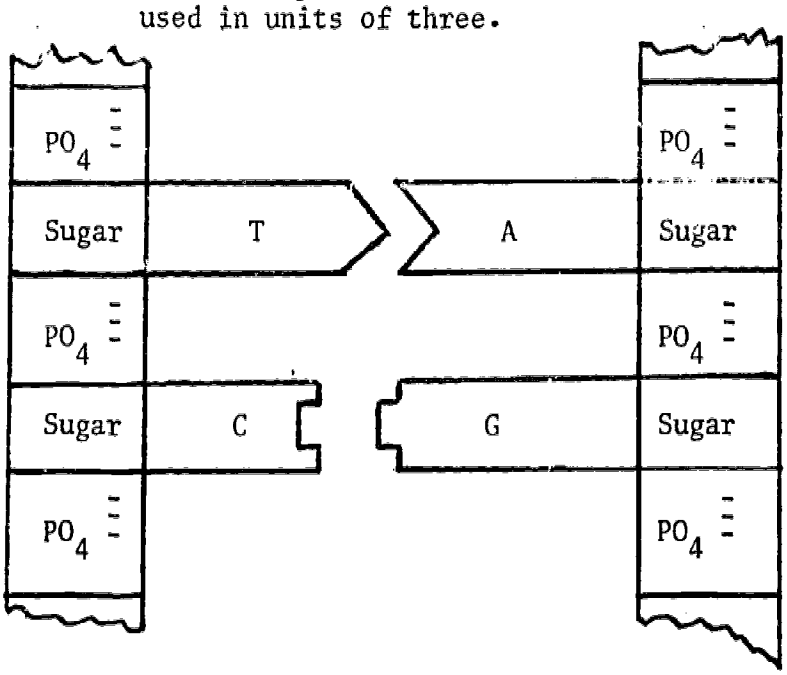
81.0 Use available models of DNA so the basic structure can be seen.

82.0 Distribute paper cutouts of nitrogen bases. Have students label them with appropriate letters and fit the bases together across the outline of a DNA molecule. Point out the large number of possible combinations if bases are used in units of three.



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	82.1 Test student knowledge out sheets with one si letter coded and the o students complete the
83. Reproduction is essential to species survival.	83.0 Point out the biologic essential to the survi contrasted with reprod sary for species survi
84. Sexual reproduction usually involves sperm and egg cells. Both cell types are fragile and short-lived.	84.0 Use films and film loo movement and fertiliza
	84.1 Discuss spawning of sa variety of fish.
85. Eggs contain yolk or some other source of nutrition for the development of the embryo. Eggs must also permit the diffusion of oxygen and oxidized substances for respiration.	85.0 Bring in a chicken egg external and internal yolk, membrane, and ai
	85.1 Incubate chicken or du lized egg gain or lose Note any change of mas
	85.2 Have students store tw or petroleum jelly cov limburger cheese or cu container in the refri open both eggs, and ha differences in their

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82.1 Test student knowledge of coding by passing out sheets with one side of the DNA molecule letter coded and the other side blank. Have students complete the molecule.

83.0 Point out the biological functions that are essential to the survival of the individual contrasted with reproduction which is necessary for species survival.

84.0 Use films and film loops to illustrate sperm movement and fertilization.

84.1 Discuss spawning of salmon or some local variety of fish.

85.0 Bring in a chicken egg. Make a drawing of external and internal appearance. (Point out yolk, membrane, and air space.)

85.1 Incubate chicken or duck eggs. Will a fertilized egg gain or lose mass during incubation? Note any change of mass each day.

85.2 Have students store two raw eggs (one with wax or petroleum jelly covering it) near some limburger cheese or cut onions in a closed container in the refrigerator. After one week open both eggs, and have students note differences in their odors.

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86. A study of the internal anatomy of frogs shows the location and spatial relationships of the organs necessary for reproduction.	86.0 Have stude tinguish female. out ovary Have stud relationsl
	86.1 Have stude Try to get Note: Tak dit
87. In many organisms courtship activities stimulate the partners previous to mating. The activities tend to be highly specific for the species. (Species recognition)	87.0 Use pictur ship among grunion, e salmon, ap stickleba
88. Among higher forms of life parental care and love are normal and essential.	88.0 Have stude affection
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nternal anatomy of location and spatial the organs necessary	86.0 Have students do a frog dissection. Distinguish between food tube and oviduct in female. Observe eggs, if present. Point out ovary or testes. Have students discuss the general anatomical relationship observed.
	86.1 Have students look for and bring in frog eggs. Try to get them to develop. Note: Take care to simulate natural conditions as much as possible.
s courtship activities rtners previous to ivities tend to be for the species. tion)	87.0 Use pictures and films to illustrate courtship among various animals, e.g., peacock, grunion, elephant seal, gypsy moth, sunfish, salmon, apes, mountain sheep, grouse, stickleback, etc.
ns of life parental care nal and essential.	88.0 Have students discuss parental care and affection in animals familiar to them.
	88.1 Propose to the students that a pair of robins (which normally have a rigid courtship and mating schedule) has an improper schedule. For example, they mate in October, and the eggs are laid before nest building. Discuss the problems due to this improper schedule.

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89. An internal hormonal coordinating system controls higher organisms in the production of egg and sperm at proper intervals. Fertilization and development usually follow only under conditions which promote survival of the offspring.	89.0 Discuss the mate select familiar animals, e.g.,
90. Humans possess structures specialized for reproduction.	
91. The human male has testes suspended in an external sac, keeping them slightly below normal body temperature. The testes produce sperm cells, and also the hormones needed to promote secondary sexual characteristics.	91.0 Have students discuss s characteristics in male with these characterist 91.1 Point out secondary sex in other species such a rams, guppies, swordtai
92. During sexual intercourse the penis becomes specialized for the transport of swimming sperm into the female's body.	
93. The human female has a pair of ovaries located in the lower abdominal area, which produce eggs, and sex hormones.	93.0 Discuss secondary sexua in human females. Disc characteristics of othe lionesses, spiders, fis

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	91.1	Point out secondary sexual characteristics in other species such as roosters, lions, rams, guppies, swordtails, salmon.
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r of ovaries inal area, x hormones.	93.0	Discuss secondary sexual characteristics in human females. Discuss the secondary sex characteristics of other species such as hens, lionesses, spiders, fishes, bears.

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94. In both the male and the female the pituitary gland (located at the base of the brain) is necessary for reproductive control. Since females provide the environment for the internal development of offspring, the pituitary gland regulates the female reproductive cycles.

95. The ovaries release eggs under pituitary influence. During egg development the ovaries produce hormones that prepare the uterine wall for the development of the embryo.

96. Following ovulation (when the egg breaks out of the ovary) the egg is moved through the oviduct, into the uterus.

97. During menstruation the uterine wall breaks down and is expelled from the body, along with the unfertilized egg.

98. Conception, or fertilization, usually occurs in the oviduct. The developing embryo later will embed itself in the uterine wall.

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99. While the embryo is developing, menstruation stops.	
100. If the ovaries produce two eggs and both are fertilized and develop, fraternal twins result. However, if a single fertilized egg splits into two separate cells at the beginning of embryological growth, identical twins result.	100.0 Discuss all forms o Siamese twins.
101. The developing fetus is connected to the mother by the umbilical cord and placenta (an organ which provides food and oxygen by diffusion from the mother's blood and disposes of wastes by diffusion into the mother's blood).	101.0 Use models and char Have students diagr fetus with colored 101.1 Discuss foreign mat across the placenta rubella virus, thal
102. Surrounding the fetus is a protective amnionic sac containing a watery fluid.	102.0 Discuss the protect sac, its variation to the sac prior to
103. The period of embryonic development (gestation) varies in mammals. In man it is approximately 9 months - 270 days.	103.0 Discuss the gestati organisms, e.g., do

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100.0	Discuss all forms of twinning, including Siamese twins.
101.0	Use models and charts of fetal development. Have students diagram the developing human fetus with colored pencils.
101.1	Discuss foreign materials which may diffuse across the placenta, e.g., heroin, alcohol, rubella virus, thalidomide.
102.0	Discuss the protective value of the amnionic sac, its variation in size, and what happens to the sac prior to birth.
103.0	Discuss the gestation period of other organisms, e.g., dogs and cats.

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104. At the beginning of the birth process, pituitary hormones induce the walls of the uterus to contract expelling the baby from the mother's body. A short time later the placenta is expelled.	104.0 Discuss how the b used to identify 104.1 Discuss a mother' after she gives b 104.2 Discuss why germi baby's eyes after 104.3 Discuss the labor ketonuria. (PKU)
105. After birth, pituitary hormones initiate the production of milk from the mother's mammary glands. (3 to 7 days after birth)	
106. Although many of the fatal or degenerative diseases that have afflicted man in the past have been brought under control by environmental controls (sanitation) or by the immunization of large population groups, venereal disease has been increasing rapidly in recent years, e.g., gonorrhea, syphilis. Penicillin is not as effective in the treatment of gonorrhea as it once was.	

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104.0 Discuss how the blood group of a baby can be used to identify the child's parents.

104.1 Discuss a mother's vulnerability to disease after she gives birth.

104.2 Discuss why germicidal drops are placed in a baby's eyes after birth.

104.3 Discuss the laboratory test for Phenyl-ketonuria. (PKU)

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107.	Both males and females may transmit these diseases, however, the female is more apt to be a carrier because her symptoms are not as obvious.	107.0 Explai of syp
108.	If left untreated,venereal diseases can cause serious internal damage, sterility, and even death. Early treatment usually leads to recovery.	108.0 Use av discus its ca
109.	Venereal disease should be treated by a competent physician, because self-treatment and patent medicines are useless.	

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females may transmit these er, the female is more apt because her symptoms are	107.0 Explain the difference in cause and symptoms of syphilis and gonorrhea.
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UNIT 4

THE GREEN PLANTS

UNDERSTANDINGS

110. Since green plants cannot move from place to place, they are particularly dependent upon their environment. In New York State springtime provides the proper conditions of warmth, sunshine, and moisture essential to optimum plant growth.

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110.0 Have students describe the changes in the environment which occur during the springtime.

Note: A list of research questions dealing with plants and their environment might be appropriate at this time.

110.1 Each student or lab partner should be responsible for the care of a seedling, e.g., beans or tomatoes. The seedlings with developed leaves should be grown in a nursery flat previous to this activity.

110.2 Ask students to bring in a suitable container for planting, e.g., the bottom half of a milk carton filled with soil.

110.3 Have each student remove his own seedling from the nursery flats and transplant it into his individual container. (Point out the necessity for planting seedlings at the proper depth, and watering immediately after transplanting.)

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	110.4 Ask studen ments and importance as compare
111. The root functions as an organ of support and as an absorber of water solutions.	111.0 Show photo speculate have to be
	111.1 Use house Have stude water loss
112. All roots have living, growing parts which require a supply of oxygen for cell respiration.	112.0 Use micros of root ti
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	110.4 Ask students to recommend possible experiments and experimental controls to show the importance of proper transplanting and care, as compared to improper techniques.
ions as an organ of support rber of water solutions.	111.0 Show photos of tall trees. Ask students to speculate on how large the root system would have to be.
	111.1 Use house plants to demonstrate wilting. Have students explain how wilting slows water loss.
living, growing parts which ly of oxygen for cell	112.0 Use microscopes to observe prepared slides of root tips.
	112.1 Have students discuss local areas where flooding has killed trees. What adaptations do the roots of swamp plants have for the absorption of oxygen from the atmosphere?
	112.2 Have students explain why flower pots have holes in their bottoms.

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113.	Roots absorb water and dissolved minerals from the soil through specialized structures called root hairs, which increase the surface area for absorption.	113.0 Root hair seedlings (approx.
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114.	Only a limited part of a green plant trunk or stem is alive and growing, this is called the cambium layer.	114.0 Bring in living b living c
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sorb water and dissolved minerals soil through specialized struc- lled root hairs, which increase ace area for absorption.	113.0 Root hairs may be demonstrated with radish seedlings growing between glass plates. (approx. 3" x 3")
	113.1 Place a stem of Queen Anne's lace, or some other white flower, in a beaker of food coloring. After a few minutes note the absorption and transport of the color.
	113.2 Demonstrate water-holding capacity of peat moss to show water retention of rich soil.
	113.3 Have students discuss which minerals are needed by the green plant to make proteins. (Reintroduce cycling)
mited part of a green plant trunk s alive and growing, this is e cambium layer.	114.0 Bring in a section of a tree trunk, and a living branch with leaves, and discuss where living cells are found in them.
	114.1 Discuss effect of bark beetles on elms and other trees. Note that the beetles may be a vector of disease, e.g., Dutch elm disease.
	114.2 Discuss why saplings are sometimes protected by wrapping burlap around them.

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115. The leaf is the primary site of photosynthesis. Most leaves are flat which provides for maximum light absorption, and leaves have openings for gas exchange.	115.0 Observe leaf cr scope. Point o stomates, and c 115.1 Have students p more efficient suggested?
116. Leaf veins provide support and conduct liquids.	116.0 Have students b Note the variat cle, and vein a cactus.)
117. Flowers are the special adaptations by which higher plants reproduce sexually. The parts of flowers are: Stamen: male portion of the flower 1. produces sex cells inside pollen grains 2. dispenses or disperses pollen grains	117.0 A wide variety flowers, i.e., etc.) should b students. 117.1 Discuss pollina e.g., bees, mot 117.2 Have students p adaptations for

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115.0 Observe leaf cross sections under the microscope. Point out parts including epidermis, stomates, and chloroplasts.

115.1 Have students propose models for an improved, more efficient leaf. What shapes are suggested?

116.0 Have students bring in a variety of leaves. Note the variation in thickness, waxy cuticle, and vein arrangement. (Compare to cactus.)

117.0 A wide variety of flowers (including tree flowers, i.e., willow, maple, apple, cherry, etc.) should be dissected and drawn by the students.

117.1 Discuss pollination by wind and insects, e.g., bees, moths, beetles.

117.2 Have students prepare reports on special adaptations for flower pollination.

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3. produces the ovules which, when fertilized, form seeds
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118. Higher plant reproduction also occurs without flowers; for example, cuttings, stolons, bulbs, corms, runners.

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portion of	117.3 Have students prepare displays using dried, pressed flowers.
' pollen s pollen tube growth he ovules which, when l, form seeds rection for the seed	117.4 Show photomicrographs of pollen grains. Set up a demonstration using pollen available. Note: Have students present reports made in conjunction with 110.0 "research questions."
	117.5 Provide a variety of fruits and vegetables for comparison, e.g., watermelons, bananas, apples, beans, peas, peanuts, lemons, oranges.
	117.6 Place glass slides smeared with petroleum jelly on a window ledge for a day. Observe "captured" particles under a microscope.
	117.7 Examine and discuss foods which come from fruits and vegetables, e.g., peanut butter, cocoa, coffee, bread, cereals, corn syrup, soybean products, cottonseed oil.
uction also occurs with- xample, cuttings, stolons, rs.	118.0 Demonstrate root formation in cuttings, e.g., leaf cuttings of coleus, philodendron, willow, African violets.

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		118.1 Suspend corms i bulb or
		118.2 Examine bulb.
119.	Since only one parent is involved in asexual reproduction the offspring are genetically identical to the parent plant.	119.0 Discuss grown f
120.	Some higher plants do not produce seeds, e.g., navel oranges, bananas, seedless grapes. The only way to reproduce seedless plants is by asexual means.	120.0 Show ex crabapp
121.	Plants and plant products provide many human essentials – rope, turpentine, fats, and oils, drugs, dyes, clothing fiber .	121.0 Have st on plan

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118.1 Suspend cuttings, bulbs (e.g., onions) or corms in water, observe change in mass of bulb or corm as roots develop.

118.2 Examine the cross section of a large growing bulb.

119.0 Discuss why roses and tulips are seldom grown from seed for commercial distribution.

120.0 Show examples of polyploid fruits. Compare crabapple with MacIntosh apple.

121.0 Have students prepare reports or scrapbooks on plant products.

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UNIT 5

CLASSIFICATION AND EVOLUTION

UNDERSTANDINGS

122.	Evolution involves the change of living things over a long period of time.	122.0	Prepa typic nity. membe leave
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123.	Evolution has resulted in a wide variety of living organisms. To understand their relationship to one another, man has developed a system of classification.		
124.	Living things are classified into Kingdoms as plants, animals, or protists (organisms difficult to classify as plant or animal).	124.0	Discu proti
125.	Kingdoms are subdivided into phyla based upon specific body structures. Three such phyla are Protozoa, Arthropoda, and Chordata.	125.0	Show Chord chara in th of th for l

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122.0 Prepare a series of cards with description of typical members of a stone age human community. Ask students to determine, which members of the population would most likely leave descendants. (See appendix for details.)

Note: Be certain to describe the harsh environment of this community.

124.0 Discuss euglena and slime molds to illustrate protists.

125.0 Show examples of Protozoa, Arthropoda, and Chordata. Point out basic structures and characteristics that determine classification in that particular phyla. Show how members of the same phyla have structural adaptations for living in specific environments.

UNDERSTANDINGS

126. Today we believe that organisms change over many years because of:

- MUTATIONS — Although usually harmful, they may occasionally give the offspring a better chance for survival.
- NATURAL SELECTION — Traits that promote survival are passed on to the next generation, as stated in Darwin's theory of evolution.
- NONRANDOM VS. RANDOM MATING — If, in a large group (population) one parental type is chosen for mating over another, that parental type will become more common, thus affecting the evolution of the species. This is known as nonrandom mating. In contrast, when fertilization occurs without specific choice of a mate, then random mating occurs, e.g., wildflower pollination and egg fertilization of clams and oysters.

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Some types of nonrandom mating are: 1. the choice of a mate may be based upon physical dominance. 2. the choice of a mate may be based upon unique characteristics.	126.6 Propose that a pure dark eyes from the main p How might thei parent group? Have students d isolation.
• ISOLATION — This occurs when a small population is physically isolated (e.g., mountain ranges, oceans) and develops characteristics different from the parent population. These changes may or may not be an advantage to the survival of the species in their new environment.	
127. Evidences of evolution have been found. For example:	127.0 Show a variety fied wood. Hav of fossils or f
• Fossils indicate that evolution took place in the past leading to present organisms.	127.1 Have students d may form by mak or modeling cla
• Vestigial organs are evidences of changing structure and function in higher organisms.	127.2 Discuss vestigi mentary tail, e

STANDINGS	ACTIVITIES
of nonrandom mating are:	126.6 Propose that a small group of people with pure dark eyes and dark brown hair migrated from the main population and were isolated. How might their descendants differ from the parent group?
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ition have been found.	127.0 Show a variety of fossils in stone and petrified wood. Have students make plaster casts of fossils or footprints.
icate that evolution took past leading to present	127.1 Have students demonstrate how imprint fossils may form by making a leaf imprint on plaster or modeling clay.
rgans are evidences of ructure and function in nisms.	127.2 Discuss vestigial organs in man, e.g., rudimentary tail, ear muscles, and appendix.

UNDERSTANDINGS	AC
• The comparison of vertebrate embryos and skeletons shows relationships which indicate a common origin of vertebrate animals.	127.3 Show charts an and skeletons.
128. Certain characteristics have helped man become a dominant force on earth. Among these are upright posture, prehensile grip, and a superior brain.	128.0 Have students ment around pr development of
129. Man's control over his environment may be modifying his evolution.	129.0 Discuss how me survival and p genes, e.g., d

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of vertebrate embryos hows relationships a common origin of als.	127.3	Show charts and diagrams comparing embryos and skeletons.
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s environment may be on.	129.0	Discuss how medical knowledge permits the survival and procreation of possibly lethal genes, e.g., diabetes, hemophilia, PKU .

GENERAL BIOLOGY EVALUATION SHEET

Teacher's Name_____ School_____

School Address_____

Evaluation for Unit 5

Which activities did the students find most valuable? Which were least valuable?

Which understandings did you find interesting to teach? Which understandings did you consider the least significant?

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Comments: [You may continue on the reverse side.]

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_____ School_____ Date_____

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1.3 Microscopes should be first used with low power only.

"Hanging drop slides" are extremely useful for examining pr fiberglass from an aquarium filter will provide organisms a across the field.

4.0 Phototropism may be demonstrated with potted geraniums whic source.

Plants or seedlings placed in a light-tight box with a smal to and through the opening.

5.2 The processes of photosynthesis-aerobic respiration, and sy more easily if approached from a molecular viewpoint. Mode bonding and anaerobic respiration. Procedures may be adapt

- Trace the outline of a molecule model on stiff paper Since each student will need to draw at least two suc number of stiff paper copies will be needed.

- After two outlines have been traced in each student's may be made by placing dots in the holes.

- The molecules can now be completed as shown in the di by covalent bonds as shown in the diagram.

  Note – The nature of covalent bonds might be explaine

- The basic photosynthetic equation may now be illustra

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slides" are extremely useful for examining protozoa for an extended time. Chopped
m an aquarium filter will provide organisms and a means for controlling their movement
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ay be demonstrated with potted geraniums which will appear to grow toward a light

lings placed in a light-tight box with a small circular opening near the top may grow
the opening.

of photosynthesis-aerobic respiration, and synthesis-hydrolysis may be comprehended
approached from a molecular viewpoint. Models may illustrate covalent and hydrogen
aerobic respiration. Procedures may be adapted to show polypeptide formation.

e outline of a molecule model on stiff paper punching a small hole through each dot.
ch student will need to draw at least two such molecules in his notebook a considerable
f stiff paper copies will be needed.

o outlines have been traced in each student's notebook, the placement of carbon atoms
ade by placing dots in the holes.

cules can now be completed as shown in the diagram. All atoms should be connected
ent bonds as shown in the diagram.

he nature of covalent bonds might be explained at this point.

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Note – Most of the molecules should be attached at the ends,
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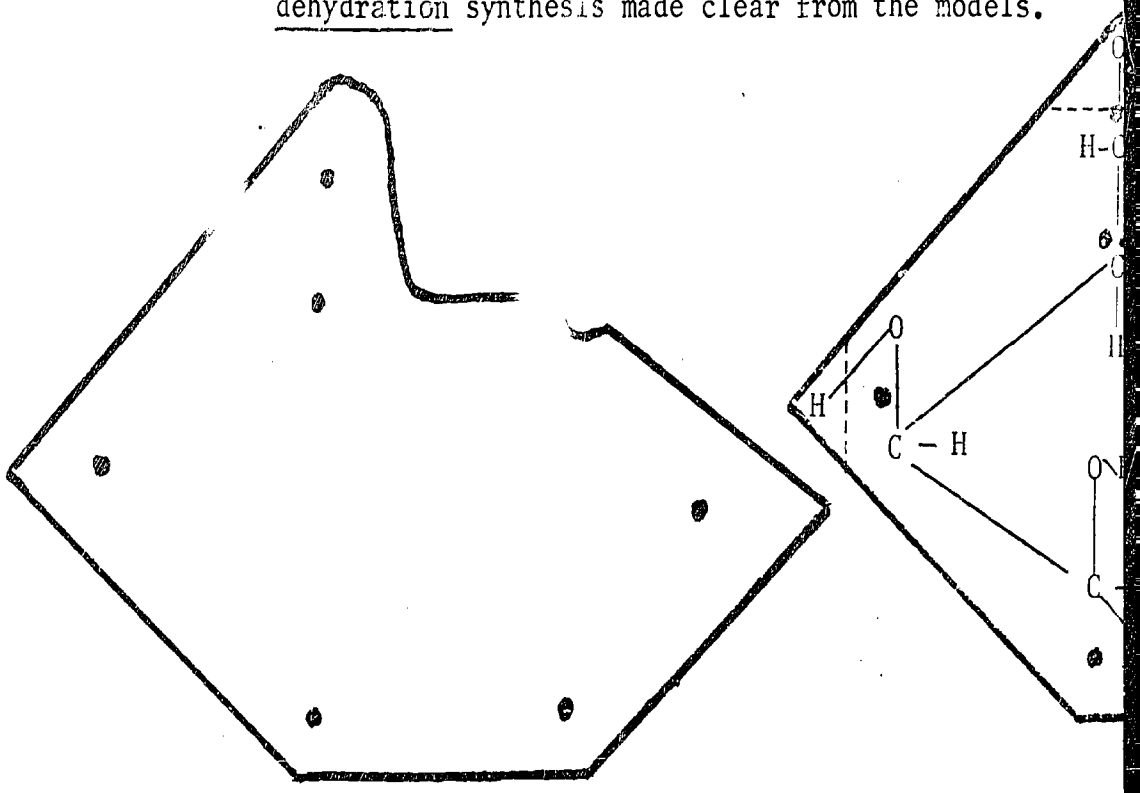

8.0 The easiest test for fat is absorbent paper.
Nitric acid may be used [WITH CAUTION!]
to show the presence of protein [fingernail
cuttings will turn a brilliant yellow].

9.0 See 5.2

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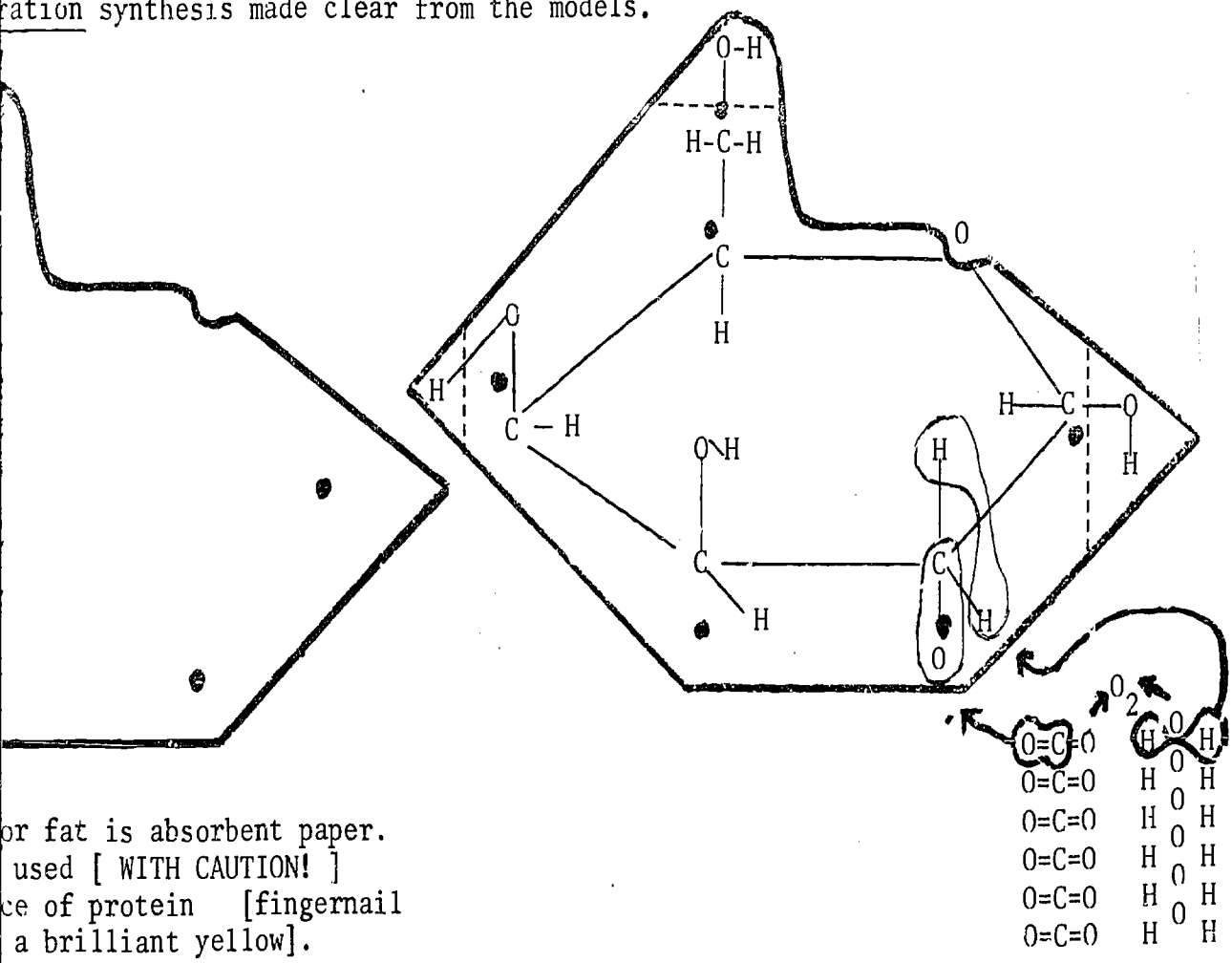

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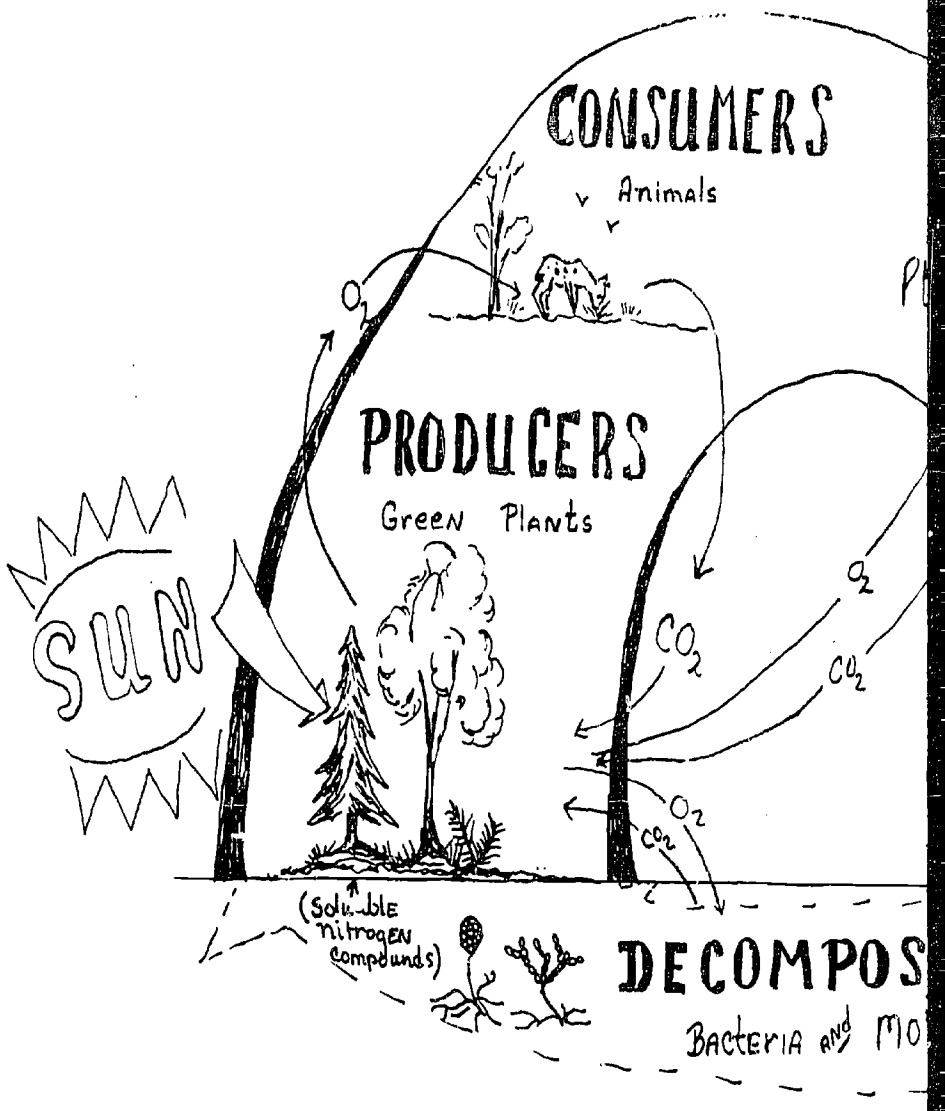
15.1 You might wish to discuss the relationship of insect vectors to Rickettsiae, or bacteria to humans from other w. b. a.

15.2 A stereomagnifier may show the discrete algae and fungi that fo

16.0 The syllabus cover also makes this representation.



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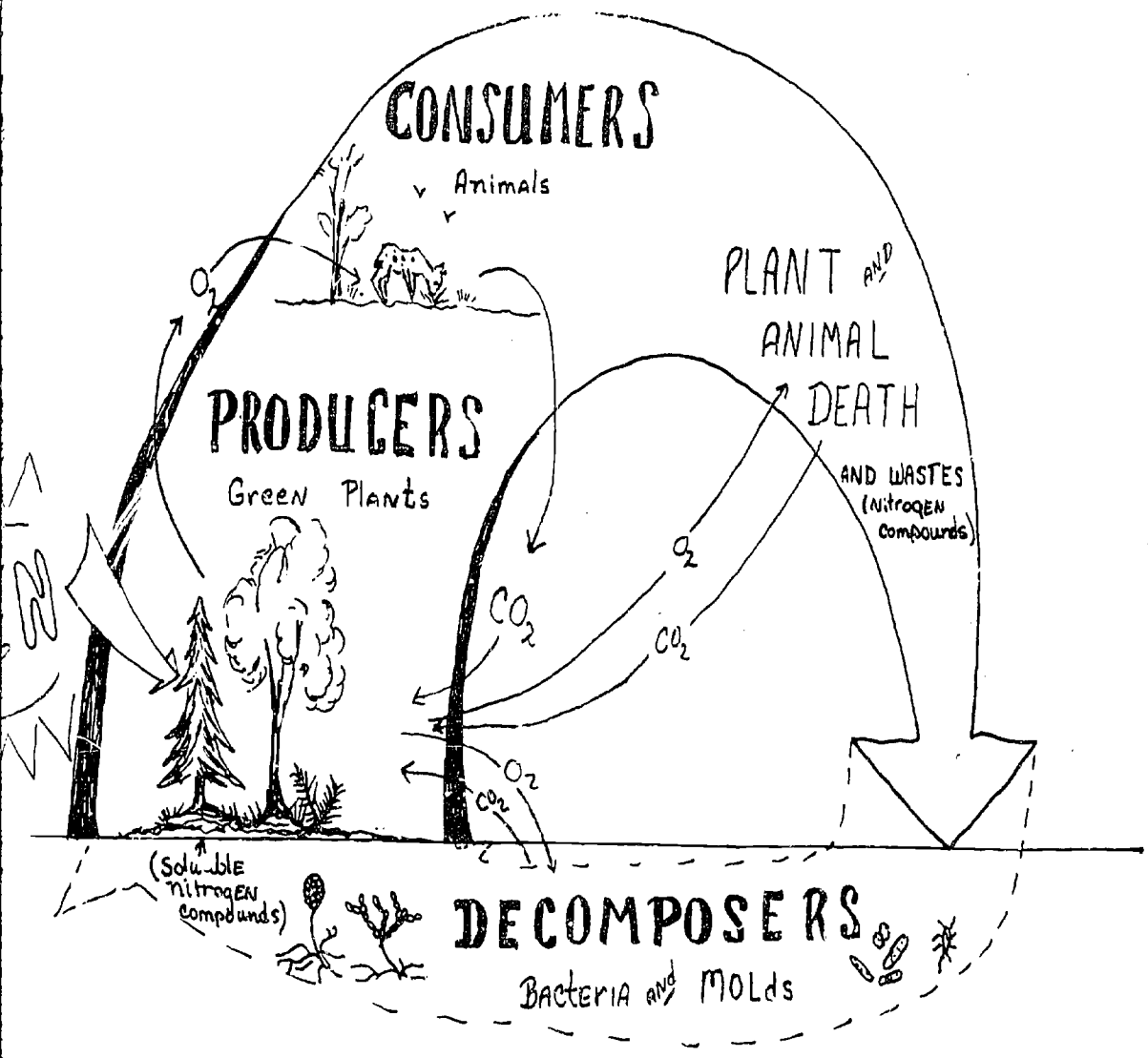

17.0 It is highly probable that the greatest biomass would be comprise

18.1 As a control, some of the hamburger could be spread thinly in a p wrap and exposed to bright sunlight for 5 minutes before it "ages

18.2 What life forms might be found in a decomposing compost pile? Wh life cycles slow down or end?

19.0 Plate counts can be made by students. Control plates should be u Plates should be autoclaved (a pressure cooker will do) before di are relatively inexpensive but will usually collapse if subjected

21.0 Is the gas really "oxygen"?

21.1 Thermal change may destroy or minimize one population and encoura

26.0 Changes in water pH can be illustrated by using color indicator d

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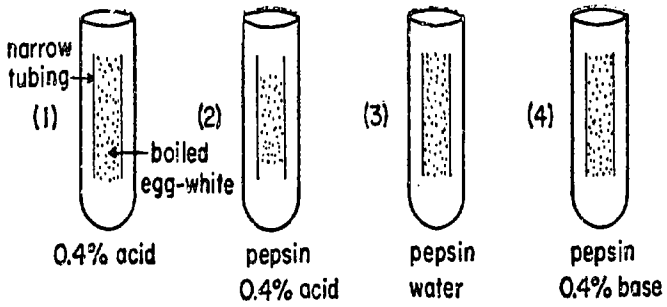

that the greatest biomass would be comprised of bacterial forms.

the hamburger could be spread thinly in a petri dish bottom covered with saran
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be found in a decomposing compost pile? What do they do? When would their
or end?

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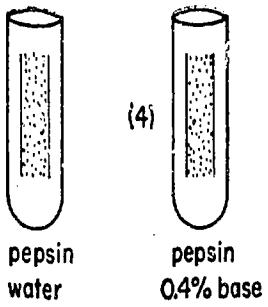

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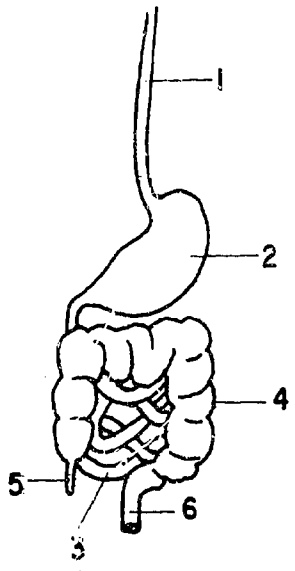

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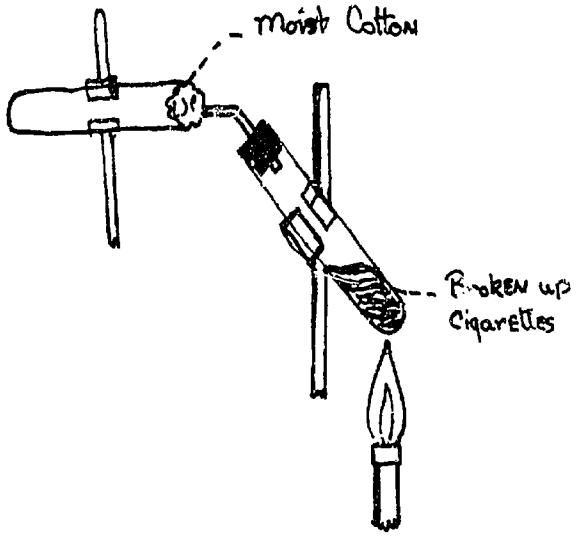

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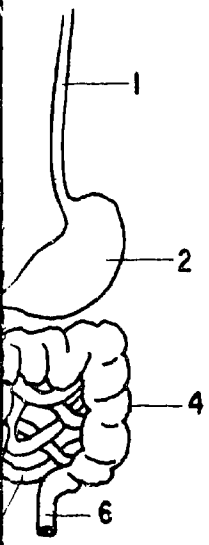

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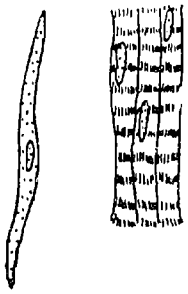
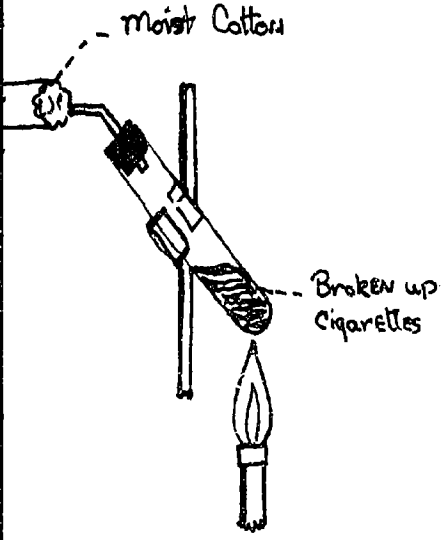
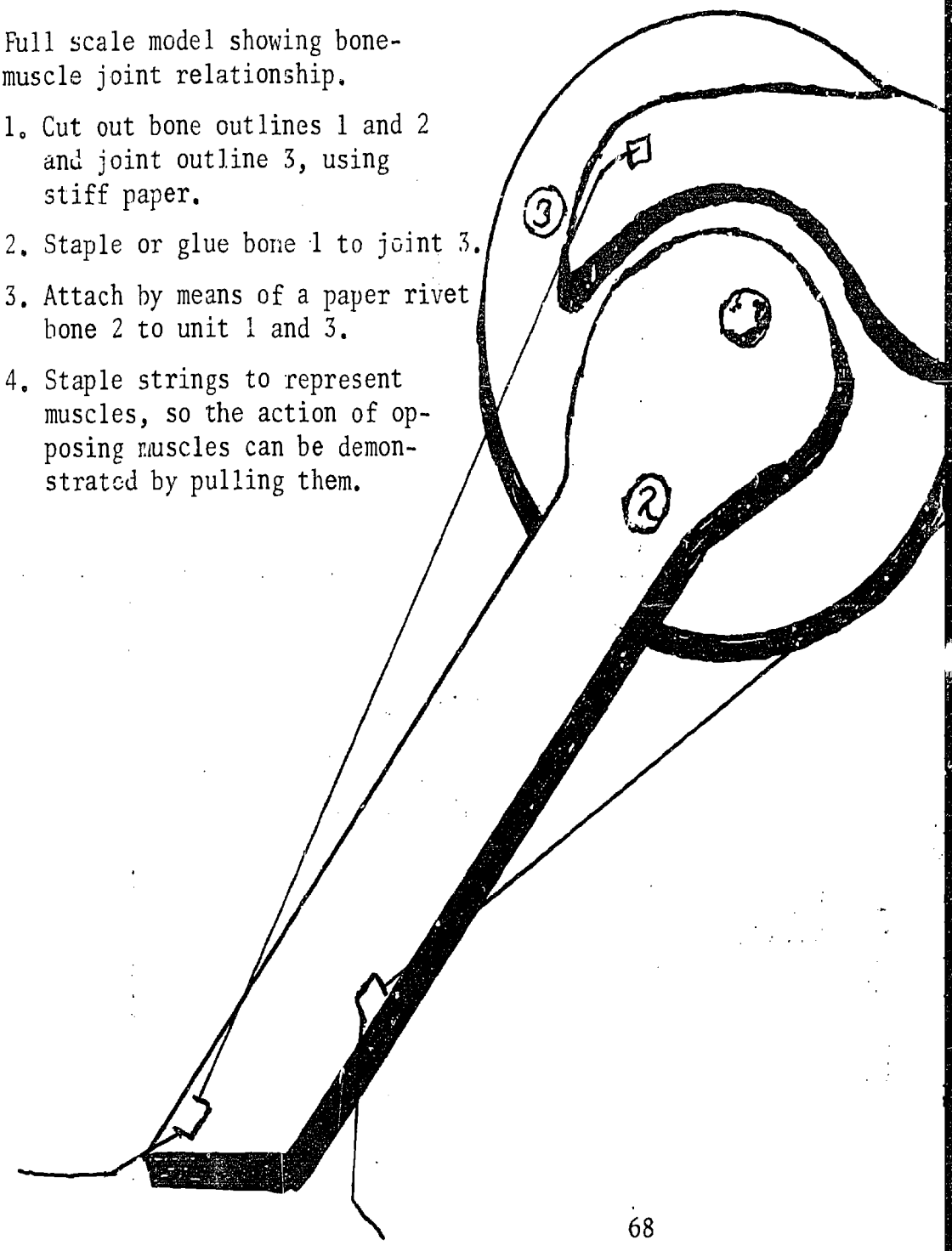




Note – Point out and discuss the residue which forms in the moist cotton and on the walls of the test tube.

52. Full scale model showing bone-muscle joint relationship.

1. Cut out bone outlines 1 and 2 and joint outline 3, using stiff paper.
2. Staple or glue bone 1 to joint 3.
3. Attach by means of a paper rivet bone 2 to unit 1 and 3.
4. Staple strings to represent muscles, so the action of opposing muscles can be demonstrated by pulling them.



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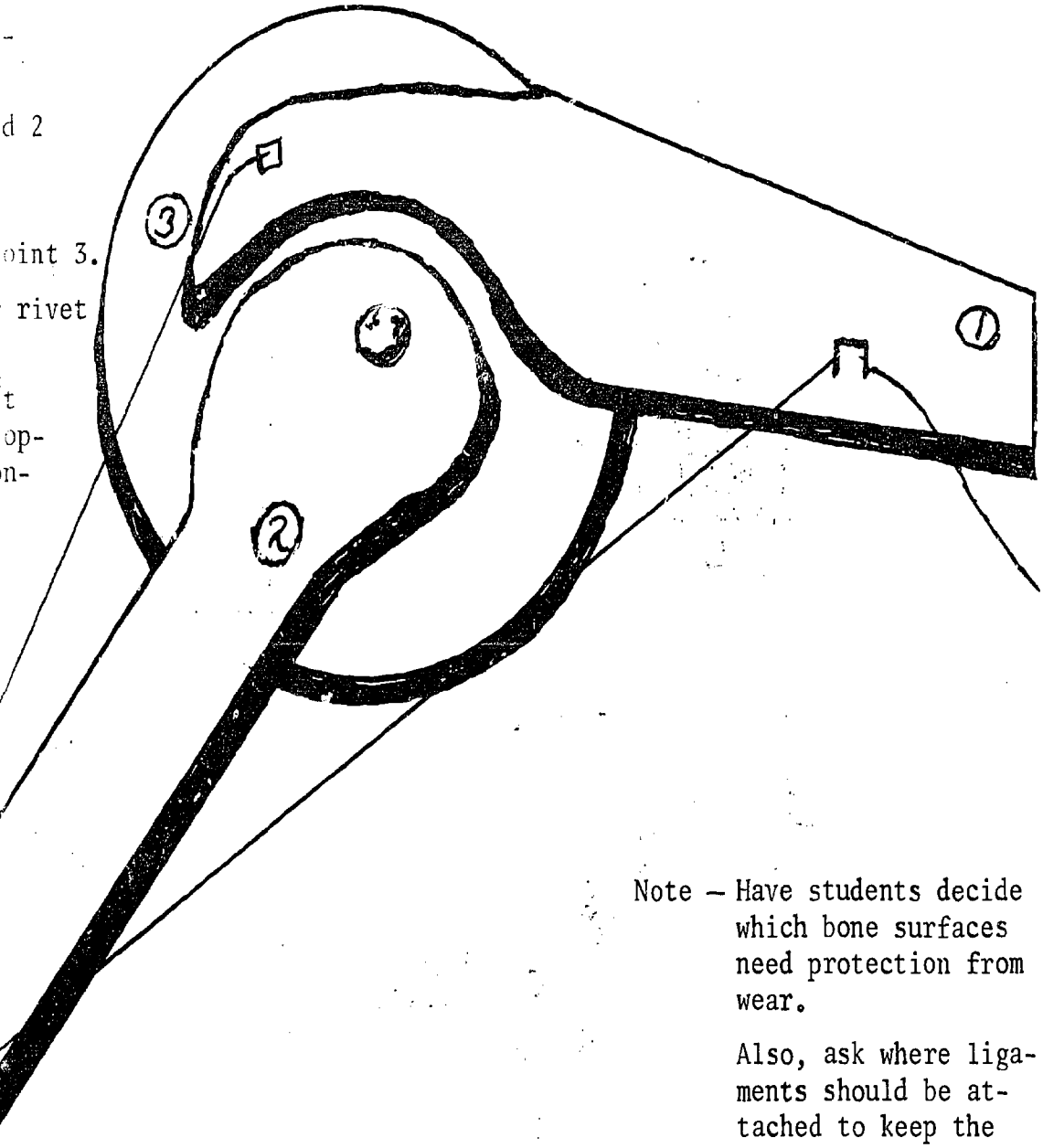

Note – Have students decide which bone surfaces need protection from wear.

Also, ask where ligaments should be attached to keep the joint attached.

53. Typical simplified pathways used in human nerve conduction

Stimulus	Sensor	Parts of the Central Nervous System	Effectors
Light	Eyes	Cerebrum	Muscles
Sound	Ears	Thinking, memory, All sensation, emotion	Muscles &
Touch	Body surface	Voluntary activity	Glands
Taste	Tongue	Cerebellum →	
Smell →	Nose →	Muscle coordination	
Muscle position	Joints	Medulla	
CO_2 in blood	Medulla	Regulation of breathing, heart beat, blood pressure, body temperature, digestion	

Suggested pathways to be explored

1. Ammonia is accidentally inhaled and student coughs.
2. Student runs a distance (note changes in breathing – and heart rate) until he is out of breath.
3. A student sights his (note the importance of the cerebrum) friend across a busy intersection and decides to run over and talk to her.

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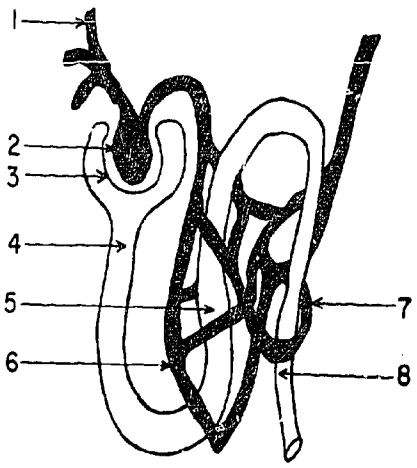

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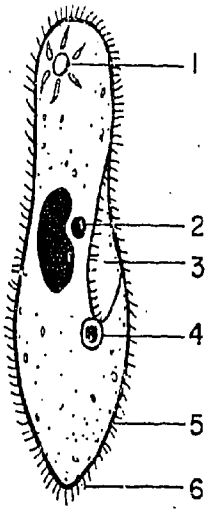

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70. Mitosis: Each student should be given two sheets of colored paper should be placed together and folded in half, so that one four cutouts, two of each color.

Three chromosomes of distinctly different shape should be student. They can illustrate:

1. Mitosis: Let two blank notebook pages represent t Students may then use the cutout chromos mitotic division, resulting in two pairs type.

2. Meiosis: Synapsis might be indicated by the fusio somes and the subsequent separation of h ration of replicated chromosomes ends wi gametes.

Note – Have students note various chromo

77. Four o'clocks are flowers that show incomplete dominance. A cross between a red ( ) ock flower and a white (WW) flower produce a. RW seeds. The diagram below shows a cross between two plants grown from these seeds.

Parents →	*R*	*W*
R	1___	2___
W	3___	4___

nt should be given two sheets of colored paper of contrasting color. These placed together and folded in half, so that one chromosome outline produces ts, two of each color.

mosomes of distinctly different shape should be traced and cut out by each hey can illustrate:

osis: Let two blank notebook pages represent two dividing cells. Students may then use the cutout chromosomes to show normal mitotic division, resulting in two pairs of each chromosome type.

osis: Synapsis might be indicated by the fusion of homologous chromosomes and the subsequent separation of homologous pairs. Separation of replicated chromosomes ends with the formation of gametes.

Note – Have students note various chromosome types in gamete

lowers that show incomplete dom- between a red (*RR*) four o'clock e (*WW*) flower produce all *RW* am below shows a cross between from these seeds.

→ *R* *W*

1___	2___
3___	4___

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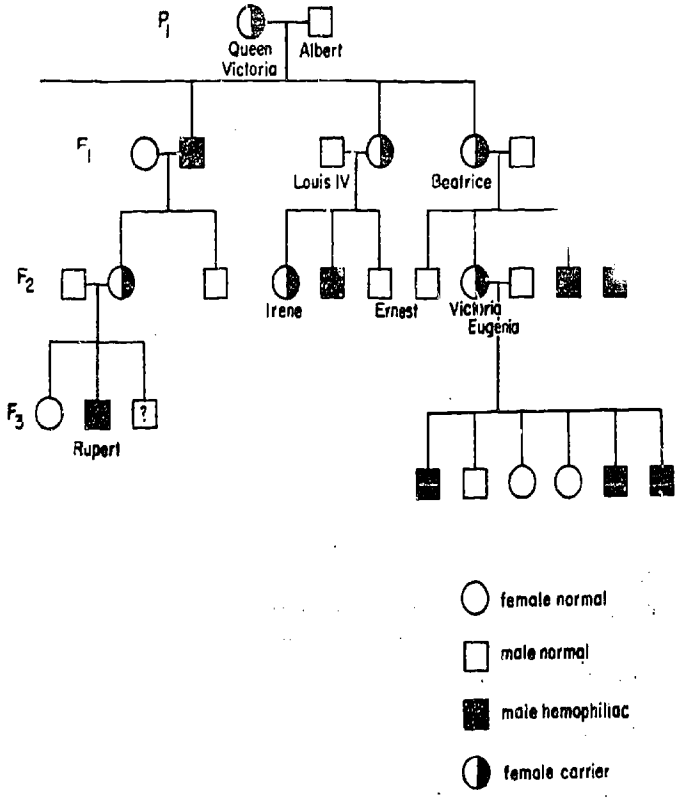
The accompanying pedigree chart shows only a part of Queen Victoria's descendants. The family tree indicates no history of hemophilia for either parent prior to the P_1 generation.



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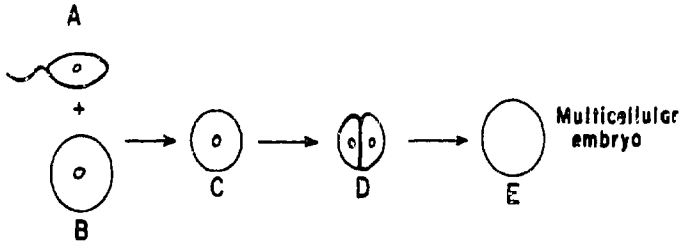
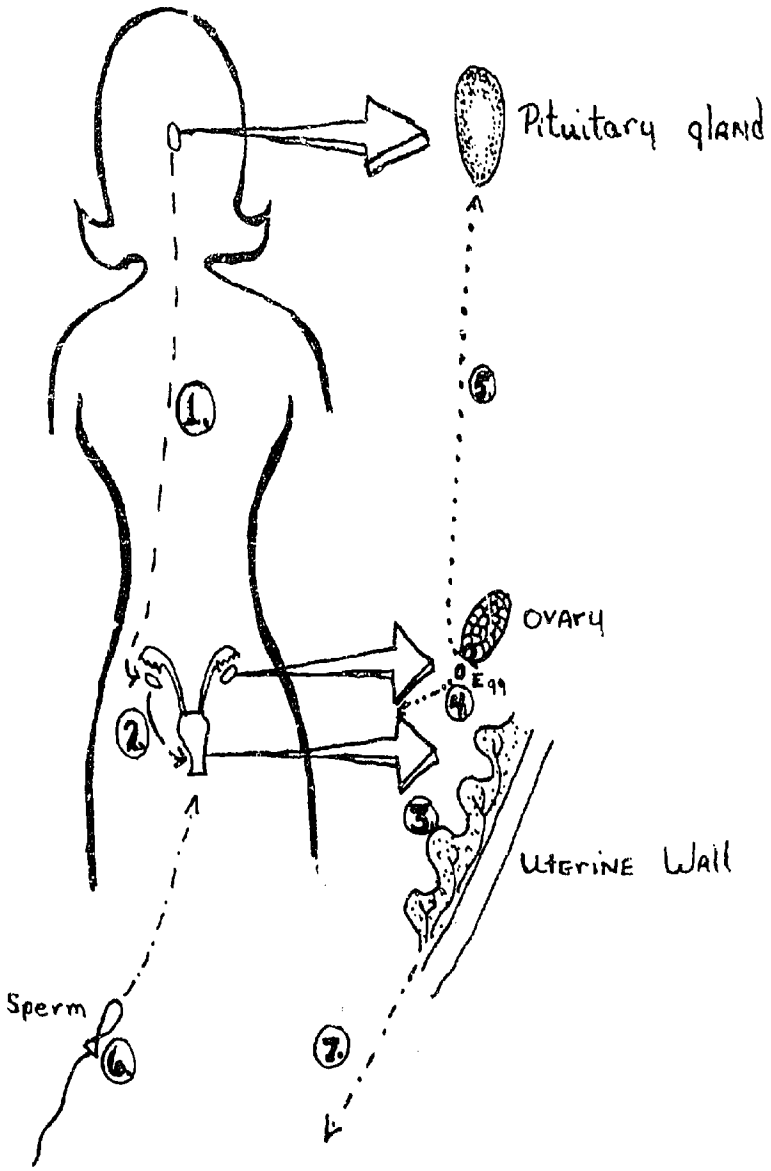


94. Female Reproductive Cycles



1. Hormones produced
ovary to develop a
2. The ovary produces
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3. The uterine wall o
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4. The egg matures an
(ovulation).
5. Feedback from the
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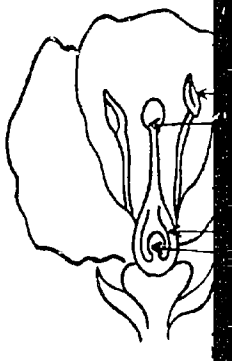

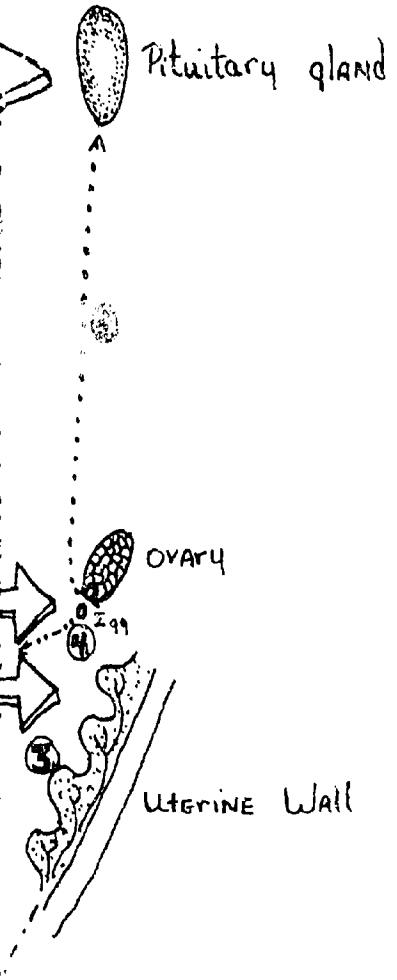

1. Hormones produced by the pituitary activates the ovary to develop an egg and to produce hormones.
2. The ovary produces hormones which affect the development of the uterine wall.
3. The uterine wall enlarges and develops more blood vessels in response to the ovarian hormones.
4. The egg matures and is released from the ovary (ovulation).
5. Feedback from th ovary slows pituitary secretion to the ovary.
6. Sperm may fertilize the egg in the oviduct and the expanded uterine wall will be retained. Menstruation stops during pregnancy.
7. If fertilization does not occur the uterine lining is expelled (menstruation), and the cycle begins again.

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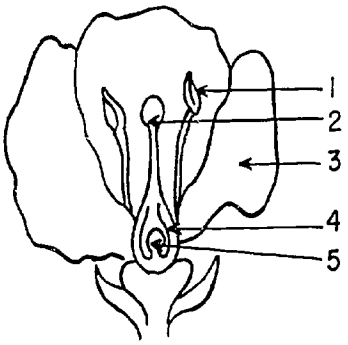

122. Prepare a series of 3x5 index cards with descriptions of members of a St
After discussing the problems of living at that time, ask students to de
community described on the cards would be least apt to leave descendants
in doubt, and those most apt to leave descendants.

Three suggested cards are shown below and lists of desirable, undesirabl
follow.

Note – Hair and eye color are incidental, but are important later when t
discussed.

Male 23 yrs. brown hair brown eyes	Female 16 yrs. dark brown eyes black hair	Fema
Intelligent	Intelligent	Poor
Excellent hunter	Attractive	Inte
Blue-green color blind		
	Narrow pelvis	Extr

Desirable traits	Undesirable traits	Questi
1. Extremely intelligent	1. Hemophilia	1. Si
2. Agressive personality	2. Sickle-celled anemia	2. De
3. Physically strong	3. Poorly coordinated	3. Te
4. Capable with tools & weapons	4. Nearsighted	4. Bl
5. Enlarged larynx permitting good speech	5. Deaf	5. Te
6. Ability to withstand cold	6. Foolhardy	6. Bl
7. Very good looking	7. Albino	7. Bl
8. Excellent digestive system	8. Anemic	8. Ve
9. Moderate temper	9. Rh negative blood	9. We
10. Patient	10. Weak resistance to measles	10. Bo
11. Resistant to tuberculosis	11. Poor teeth	11. Co

These results may be used to discuss some of the forces which may have d

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are shown below and lists of desirable, undesirable, and questionable traits

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wn hair wn eyes blind 	Female 16 yrs. dark brown eyes black hair Intelligent Attractive Narrow pelvis	Female 6 yrs. brown eyes black hair Poorly coordinated Intelligent Extremely hairy body

	Undesirable traits	Questionable
gent	1. Hemophilia	1. Six-toed
lity	2. Sickle-celled anemia	2. Deformed at age 40 by accident
	3. Poorly coordinated	3. Tendency toward twinning
s & weapons	4. Nearsighted	4. Blood group AB
ermitting	5. Deaf	5. Terrified of fire
	6. Foolhardy	6. Blue-eyed
and cold	7. Albino	7. Blond hair
	8. Anemic	8. Very tall
ve system	9. Rh negative blood	9. Webbed toes
	10. Weak resistance to measles	10. Born with visible tail
	11. Poor teeth	11. Color blind
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